MIZZOU FOOTBALL

2006 MIZZOU FOOTBALL RECRUITING GUIDE

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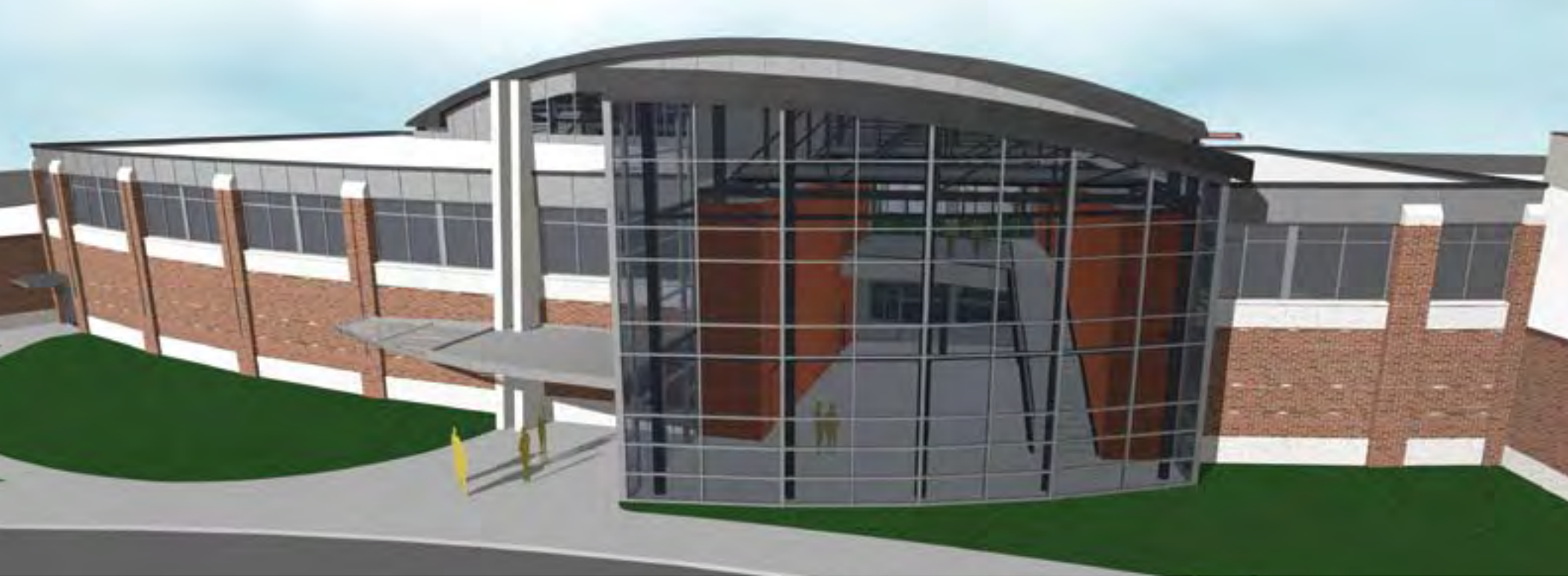

BRAND NEW MIZZOU ATHLETICS TRAINING COMPLEX OPENING JULY 2006

$16 million expansion and renovation gives Mizzou Football student-athletes some of the best facilities in the nation.

Academics Room
Newly-expanded Shelden Academic Resource Center includes a 50-workstation computer lab.

Computer Lab

Locker Room
New University of Missouri NFL-style locker room facility

Onofrio Team Room
Onofrio Team Room, Mizzou's state-of-the-art team meeting facility

Weight Room
Newly renovated Yeckel Training Center

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>> TIGER GAME DAY

Excitement, pageantry and tradition fill the atmosphere surrounding a Black and Gold football game at the University of Missouri. From the time the tailgating tents go up around the stadium, from Truman the Tiger's entrance into Faurot Field aboard a fire truck with sirens blaring, to the ROTC cannon blasts which salute each MU score, football game days at Mizzou are unmatched.

Mizzou football is really more than just a game to the Tiger faithful. An autumn day in Columbia is full of anticipation and excitement to the fans, who are known for their hearty tailgating stylings. All that matters is that Mizzou fans know how to have a good time and how to cheer for their beloved Tigers!

Mizzou averaged nearly 54,000 fans at its home games in 2005, and in 2004, it enjoyed the largest attendance increase in the Big 12 Conference, averaging nearly 60,000 per game. With a school-record seven home games in 2006, look for more records to fall!

“Best gameday stadium in the Big 12.”
– The Sporting News

>> FAUROT FIELD – 'THE ZOU'

Mizzou is quickly establishing Faurot Field/Memorial Stadium to be one of the tougher venues for opposing teams to visit. The Tigers have gone a combined 13-5 at home over the last three seasons at 'The Zou.'

The nickname, which aptly ties into Mizzou's Tiger nickname, was adopted by the team prior to the 2003 season, and has stuck ever since.

The stadium was named the "best gameday stadium in the Big 12" by The Sporting News, prior to the 2004 season.

>> MIZZOU FOOTBALL TRADITION

Football fever struck the MU campus in the spring of 1890, when the sophomore class of the "Academic School" (now the College of Arts and Science) formed the University's first football squad.

Mizzou's all-time record in football is 570-499-52, and the Tigers have appeared in 23 bowl games.

Football legend, Coach Don Faurot recorded a school-record 101 victories in 19 seasons as MU's head coach from 1935-42 and 1946-56.

Mizzou was one of the winningest programs in the nation during the decade of the 1960s under Dan Devine. The Tigers were the only team in the nation that didn't lose more than three games in any year during the decade.

Both Dan Devine and Don Faurot are enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.

Legend says that the Homecoming tradition got its start at Missouri in 1911, thanks to the vision and efforts of Chester L. Brewer, MU's Director of Athletics at the time.

>>BOWL GAMES

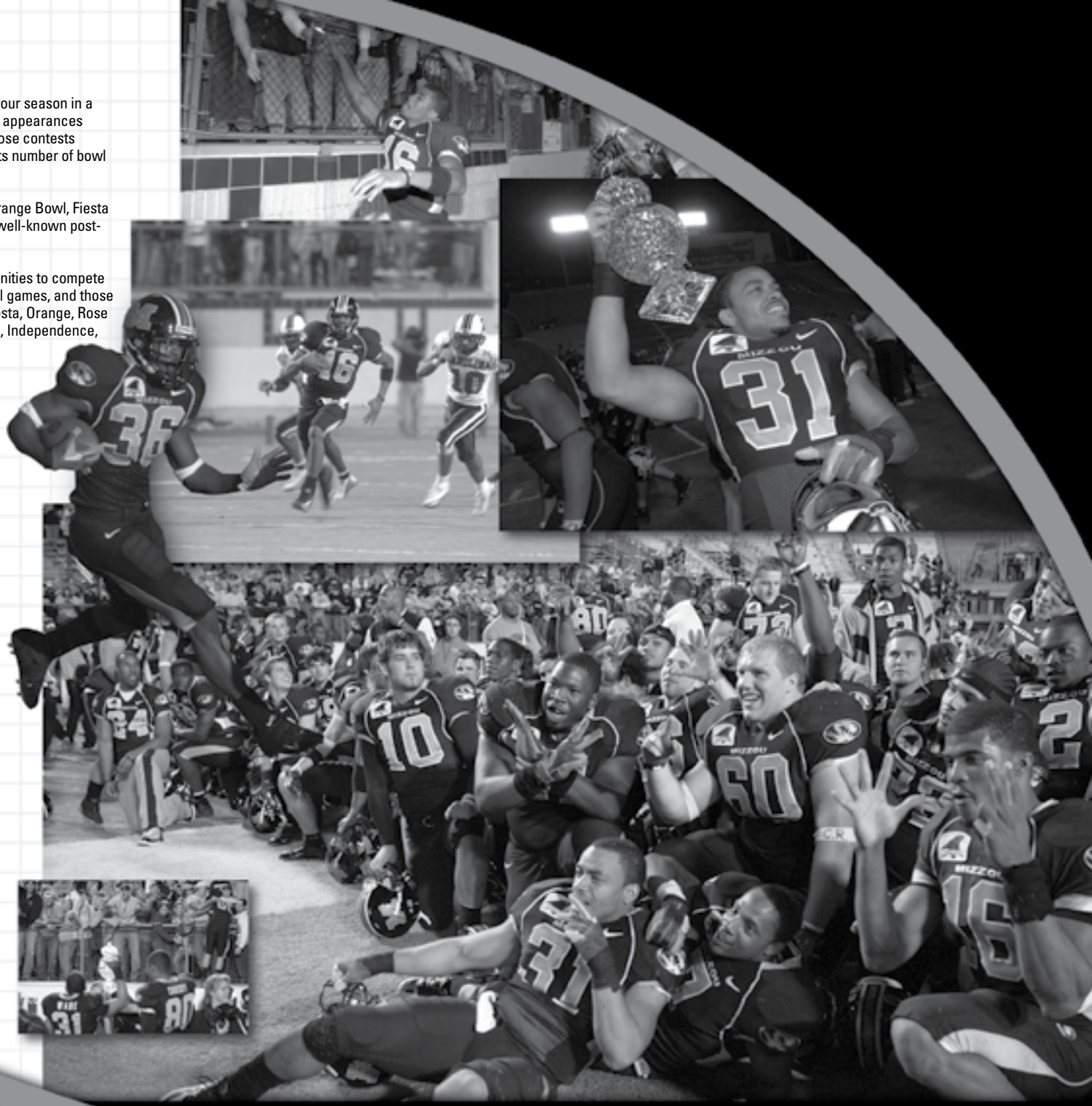
• At Missouri, you will have an outstanding chance of ending your season in a bowl game. The Tigers have made 23 post-season bowl game appearances – including two in the last three years – and have won 10 of those contests overall. Mizzou ranks among the top 35 schools all-time with its number of bowl appearances.

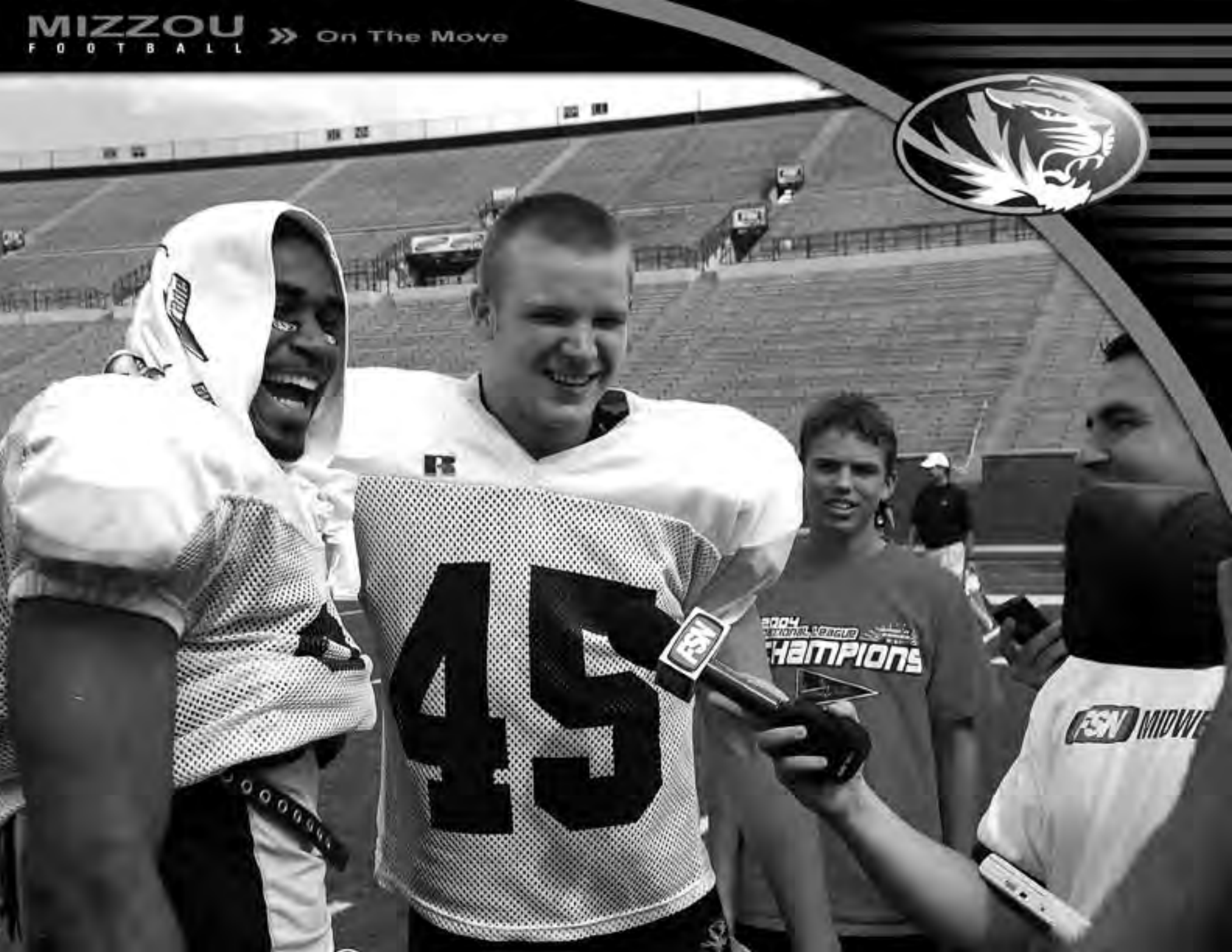
• Mizzou has played in 15 different bowl games, such as the Orange Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Gator Bowl, Holiday Bowl and many other well-known post-season classics, including the Independence Bowl.

• As part of the Big 12 Conference, Missouri has many opportunities to compete for a berth in a bowl game. The Big 12 has eight tie-ins to bowl games, and those that the Tigers compete for every year include a BCS bowl (Fiesta, Orange, Rose and Sugar), and the Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Gator, Insight, Sun, Independence, Houston and Fort Worth bowls.

MIZZOU BOWL GAME HISTORY

1924 Christmas Festival
1940 Orange Bowl
1942 Sugar Bowl
1946 Cotton Bowl
1948 Gator Bowl
1949 Gator Bowl
1960 Orange Bowl
1961 Orange Bowl
1962 Bluebonnet Bowl
1966 Sugar Bowl
1968 Gator Bowl
1970 Orange Bowl
1972 Fiesta Bowl
1973 Sun Bowl
1978 Liberty Bowl
1979 Hall of Fame Bowl
1980 Liberty Bowl
1981 Tangerine Bowl
1983 Holiday Bowl
1997 Holiday Bowl
1998 Insight.com Bowl
2003 Independence Bowl
2005 Independence Bowl

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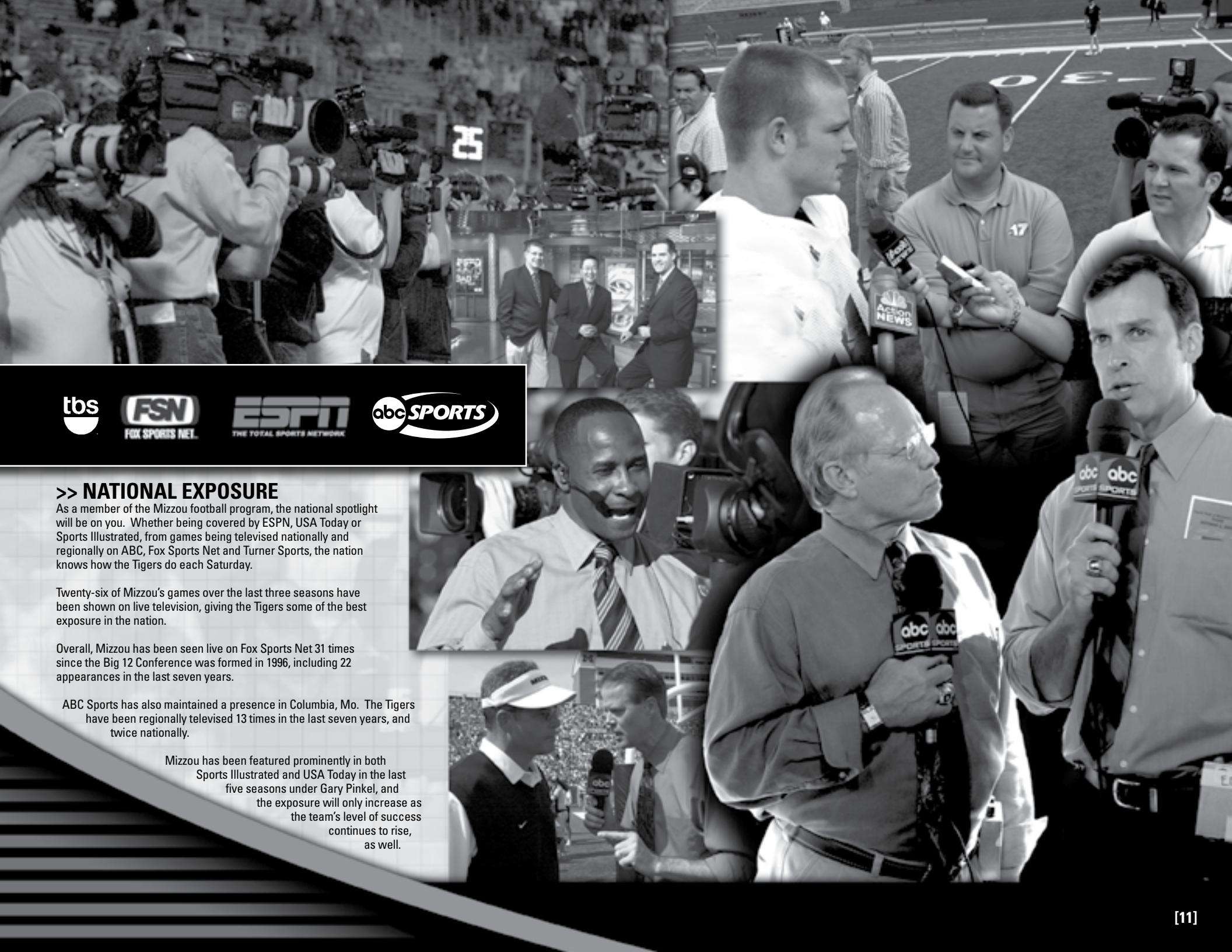


>> NATIONAL EXPOSURE

As a member of the Mizzou football program, the national spotlight will be on you. Whether being covered by ESPN, USA Today or Sports Illustrated, from games being televised nationally and regionally on ABC, Fox Sports Net and Turner Sports, the nation knows how the Tigers do each Saturday.

Twenty-six of Mizzou's games over the last three seasons have been shown on live television, giving the Tigers some of the best exposure in the nation.

Overall, Mizzou has been seen live on Fox Sports Net 31 times since the Big 12 Conference was formed in 1996, including 22 appearances in the last seven years.

ABC Sports has also maintained a presence in Columbia, Mo. The Tigers have been regionally televised 13 times in the last seven years, and twice nationally.

Mizzou has been featured prominently in both Sports Illustrated and USA Today in the last five seasons under Gary Pinkel, and the exposure will only increase as the team's level of success continues to rise, as well.

>> GARY PINKEL

>> COACHING EXCELLENCE

- Gary Pinkel is the 19th-winningest active Division I-A coach in the country (minimum five years), with his 102 victories entering the 2006 season.
- Mizzou has appeared in two bowl games over the last three seasons, and won the 2005 Independence Bowl with a dramatic comeback win over South Carolina – giving MU only its second bowl win since 1981.
- Under the guidance of Pinkel and his coaching staff, five Tigers have been selected in the last two NFL Drafts – a record two-year number for MU since the current seven-round format went into effect.
- Off the field, Mizzou players have achieved notably in the classroom, as 40 Tigers have earned academic all-conference merit under Pinkel and his staff, including a record 10 during the 2002 season.
- For 12 seasons, Coach Pinkel worked under coaching legend Don James at the University of Washington, serving as his offensive coordinator for six of those seasons (1984-90). While at Washington, the Huskies were 104-37-3 and won three Pac-10 Conference titles. Pinkel helped lay the groundwork for the UW team that went on to win the 1991 National Championship.

>> MATT EBERFLUS

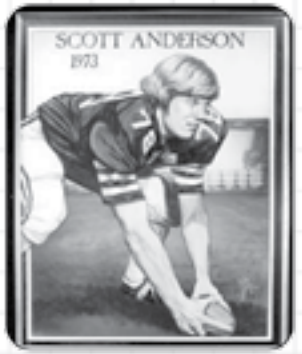
>> DAVE CHRISTENSEN

>> BRIAN JONES
>> CORNELL FORD
>> DAVID YOST
>> DAVE STECKEL
>> ANDY HILL
>> CRAIG KULIGOWSKI
>> BRUCE WALKER
MISSOURI

>> ALL-AMERICANS

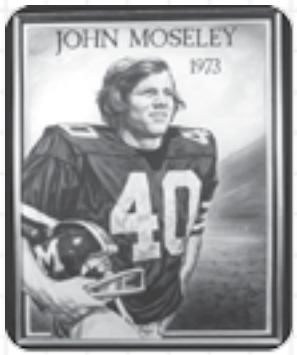
- Becoming an All-American is something that virtually all football players dream about. At Missouri, that dream has frequently become a reality, dating back to 1925 when Ed Lindenmeyer became MU's first All-American honoree. Since then, 25 other Tigers have gone on to earn first team All-American honors.

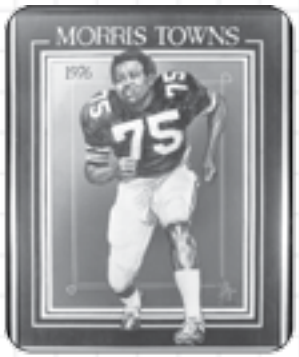
- Three times in recent years, homegrown Missouri Tigers have been tabbed All-Americans. In 1998, running back Devin West of Moberly, Mo. won the award after ranking among the nation's rushing leaders. In 1999, St. Louis, Mo. native Rob Riti was a consensus All-American at center, and in 2000, Jefferson City's Justin Smith became an All-American defensive end before being taken as the No. 4 pick in the 2000 NFL Draft.

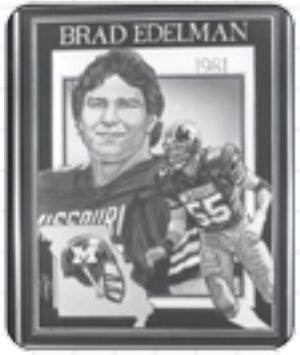


Mizzou's All-Americans

1925 – Ed Lindenmeyer, T
1939 – Paul Christman, QB
1941 – Darold Jenkins, C
1942 – Bob Steuber, HB
1955 – Harold Burnine, E
1960 – Danny Larose, E
1961 – Ed Blaine, T
1962 – Conrad Hitchler, E
1965 – Johnny Roland, DB
1965 – Francis Peay, OT
1967 – Russ Washington, OT
1968 – Roger Wehrli, DB
1969 – Mike Carroll, OG
1973 – Scott Anderson, C
1973 – John Moseley, DB
1975 – Henry Marshall, WR
1976 – Morris Towns, OT
1978 – Kellen Winslow, TE
1980 – Bill Whitaker, DB
1981 – Brad Edelman, C
1981 – Jeff Gaylord, DT
1983 – Conrad Goode, OT
1986 – John Clay, OT
1998 – Devin West, TB
1999 – Rob Riti, C
2000 – Justin Smith, DE







>> MEMORIAL STADIUM

- Named for the 112 MU graduates and students who died fighting for freedom in World War I…
- Opened in 1926, and offers one of the most picturesque game-day environments in college football…
- Features a 21-foot tall by 27-foot wide video replay scoreboard at the north end of the stadium…
- Brand new scoreboard and message boards were unveiled atop the south endzone stands prior to the 2005 season…

>> Joel Clinger,
Offensive Lineman

MISSOURI TIGERS
MISSOURI

>> FAUROT FIELD

- Field named in 1972 for legendary Mizzou Coach Don Faurot, who is the winningest coach in MU history, with 101 wins…
- Faurot brought Mizzou Football to national prominence for the first time, and is known as the inventor of the Split-T formation, which revolutionized the game…
- Mizzou plays on the state-of-the-art playing surface known as FieldTurf that looks and feels like grass, but is sturdy enough to allow the Tigers to practice in the stadium anytime they desire…
- FieldTurf is much easier on athletes' bodies than the old artificial turf surfaces, and it enjoys a distinct advantage over grass fields in bad weather situations – giving Tiger athletes the best in both safety and playability year-round…

>> Dedrick Harrington, Linebacker

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TO GO
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>> THE ROCK 'M'

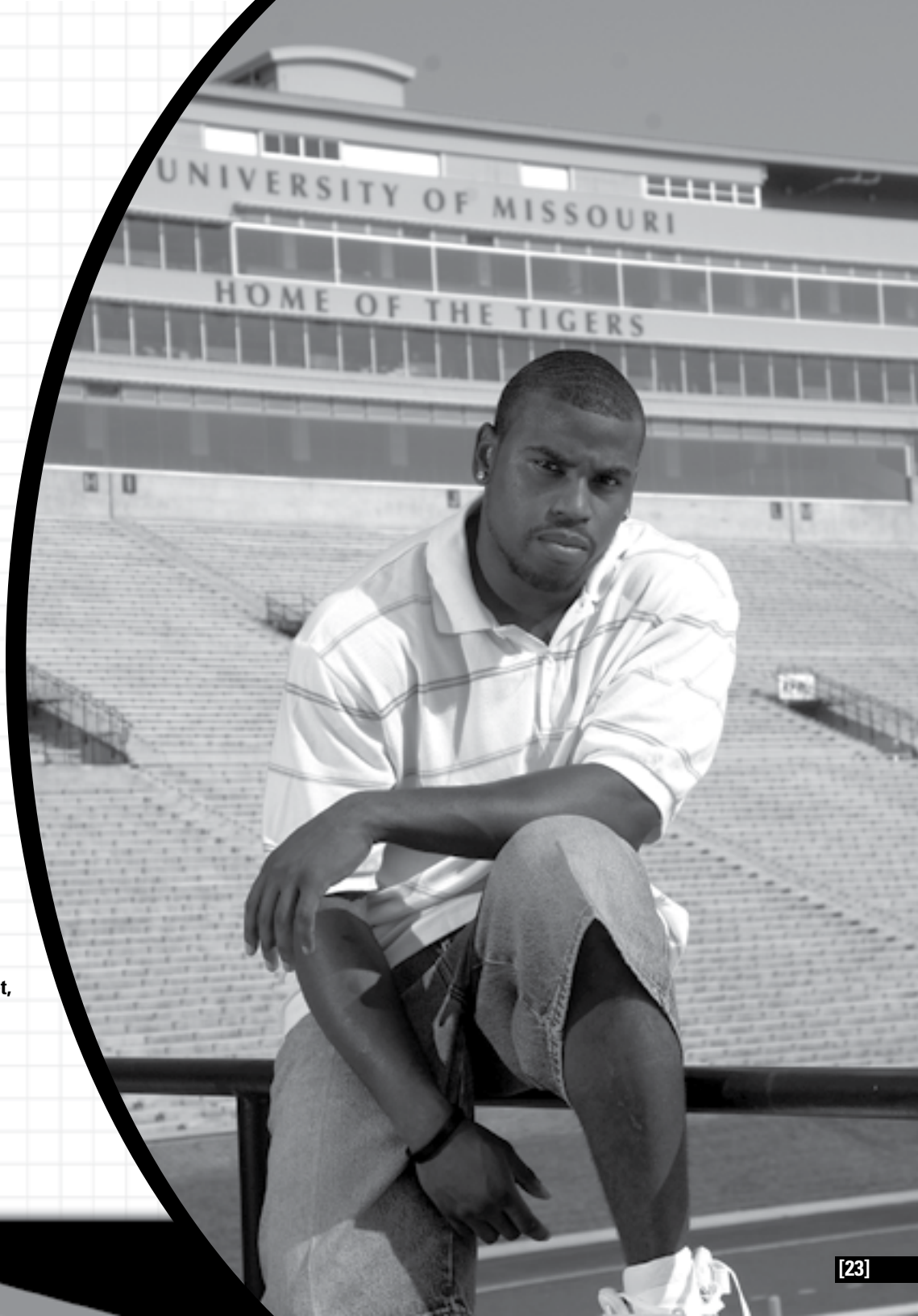
- The most highly identifiable landmark at Mizzou's Memorial Stadium is the block "M" made of rocks that sit in the middle of the hill beyond the north endzone…
- The "M" is 90-feet wide and 95-feet high, and was created in 1927 by MU students with leftover rocks from the building of Memorial Stadium, which opened the year before…
- In 1957, a group of pranksters changed the "M" to an "N" the night before the Missouri-Nebraska game that year. But the Mizzou groundskeeper, with the help of some young Tiger fans who gained free admission to the game in exchange for their assistance, restored the "M" to its proper form before kickoff…
- It is a tradition that the MU freshman class comes out each year a week before the first game to whitewash the rocks…
- Senior members of the football team have also been known to take keepsake chunks of rock with them as they leave the field after their last home game…

>> Brad Ekwerekwu,
Wide Receiver

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
HOME OF THE TIGERS
KFRU

>> THE PRESS TOWER AT MEMORIAL STADIUM

- Opened in August of 2000 (with a $13.1 million price tag), the press tower adorns the west stands of Memorial Stadium, and gives Mizzou one of the most stylish and functional luxury boxes in the country…
- The press tower consists of six levels and stands 110-feet high, 321-feet wide and houses 35 private suites. The third level is the Tiger Lounge Level that seats 418 people and includes four suites each on the north and south sides of the lounge area…
- The fourth level is the Suite Level, which includes 18 suites that run from end-to-end of the floor. This level also includes a roomy lounge with table and chairs for suite owners to gather…
- The fifth floor of the press tower is the Press Level. The level houses the working press who cover Mizzou Football games, and includes as many as 200 working press positions as well as operations rooms for the scoreboard, clock and Diamond Vision operators. The fifth level also includes nine more private suites…
- On the sixth level, there are booths that house the Tiger Radio Network as well as the visiting team's radio network, in addition to a large television booth that is utilized by the various television networks that broadcast the games.



>> David Overstreet, Safety

>> MIZZOU FOOTBALL FACILITIES

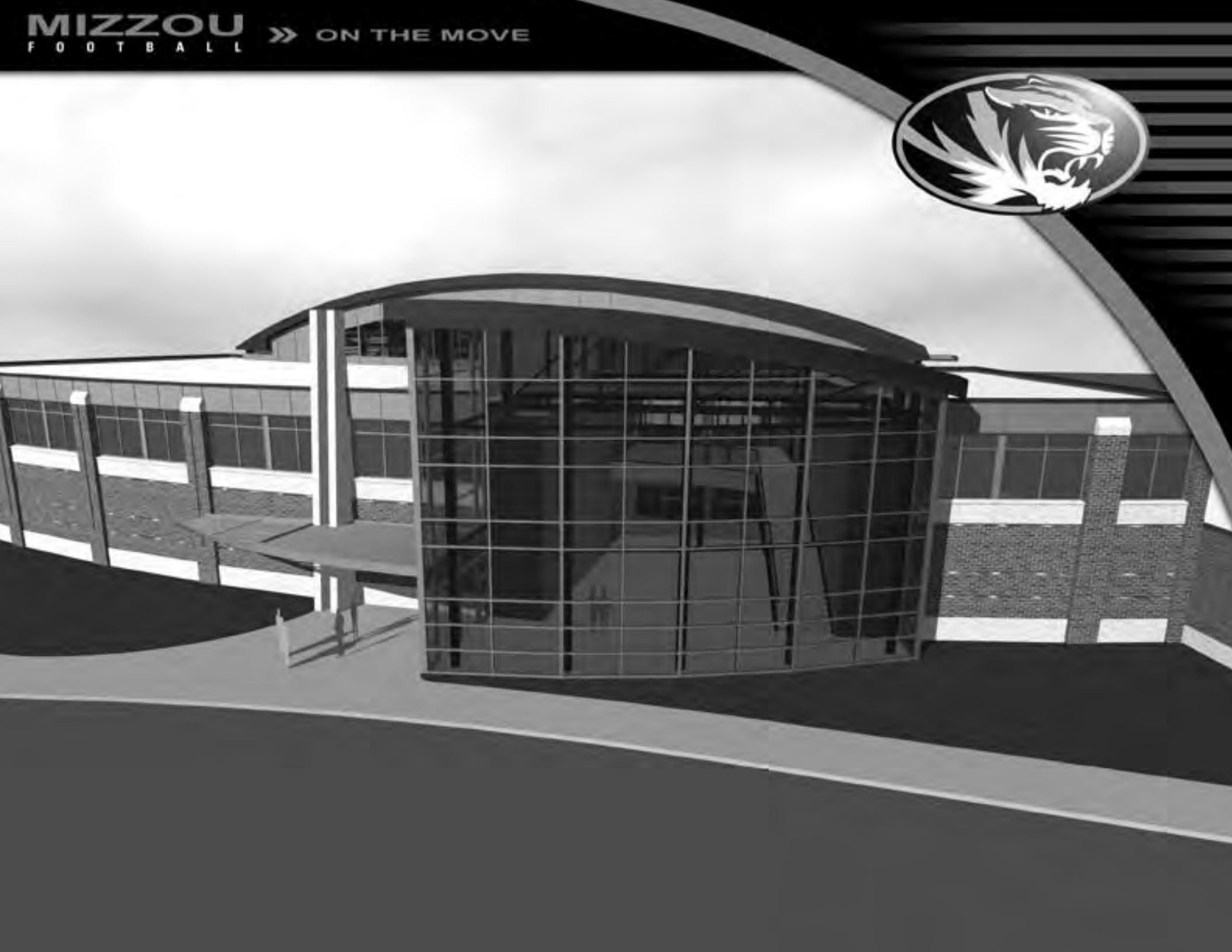
- Football student-athletes at Mizzou have all of the outstanding facilities they need to succeed both on the field and in the classroom. The facilities provide Tiger Football players with a comprehensive set of tools that include outstanding practice and meeting areas, strength and conditioning, sports medicine and academic centers, with every resource that a Tiger student-athlete needs in one central location.

- Furthering Mizzou's commitment to top-notch facilities, the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, will open in July of 2006. The project is a $16 million expansion and renovation of the previous facility. The new facility will total more than 101,000 square feet overall.

- A new two-level weight room, a new dining hall, and larger academic/computer areas, coaches offices and meeting rooms, to name just a few of the impending improvements, will put the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex in a league of its own.

- The newly constructed weight room in the complex will be the premiere player development complex in the Big 12 Conference. Offering two levels of weights and cardio equipment, this addition will ensure peak performance for the Tigers.

>> Brandon Coleman, Quarterback



>> MIZZOU ATHLETICS TRAINING COMPLEX

- A $16 million expansion and renovation project opens in July, and will give the Mizzou Football program one of the top comprehensive training facilities in the nation…
- The new facility will register at over 101,000 square feet of total space, almost doubling the old total of 66,000 square feet in the previous facility…
- Improvements will be made in all areas of the facility, giving Tiger Football student-athletes the best of what they need to succeed in all aspects of their athletic and academic endeavors…

Graphic rendering of new strength and conditioning area.

>> STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

- Before the Tiger football players hit the field on Saturdays, they put themselves in position to win with their hard work with Mizzou's Strength and Conditioning staff.

- The goal of the Missouri Strength and Conditioning program is to improve each person's athleticism, further developing the strength, speed, and quickness while increasing their agility and explosiveness. They educate all of the teams on nutrition and recovery, striving to improve their endurance and mental toughness.

- Missouri's newly renovated workout area will be the Yeckel Training Center, located in the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex. The Yeckel Training Center will boast 13,000+ square feet of workout space which will be approximately 2,000 more square feet than its predecessor.

- The new center will be re-designed, mixing the existing equipment with new additions as well as a new Sports Nutrition Oasis which will provide athletes with NCAA compliant pre/post workout nutrition and hydration.

- Pat Ivey is the head coach for the Tiger strength program. The 2006 season will be Ivey's third as director of the program for the former Tiger football player and NSCA All-American.

<< Mizzou Strength Coach Pat Ivey [right] poses with former Tiger football player and current pro wrestler Gene Snitsky.

>> Brian Smith, Defensive End

Graphic rendering of new academic center.

>> ACADEMICS

- The University of Missouri Athletic Department is committed to the success of student-athletes both on and off the field. Since 1986, Missouri has had the Total Person Program in place, which focuses on the total development of the student-athlete. The program has been so successful that other universities have created similar programs, using Mizzou as a model.

- There are several services that are offered as part of the program, including academic counseling and assistance, academic progress monitoring, and substance abuse and psychological counseling.

- The program focuses heavily on the freshman year in order to provide student-athletes with greater opportunity for academic success. To further enrich the freshman experience, the Total Person Program teaches a series of classes that focus on time management skills, textbook reading, course organization, note-taking, instructor relations, writing papers, memory and life skills.

- As part of the $16 million expansion project, the Shelden Academic Resource Center will expand to 11,000 square feet of space, up from the previous total of 6,891 square feet. The growth will allow for a new technology/multi-media room to aid academic support services, as well as up to seven new offices to accommodate a growing academic support staff.

A handful of Mizzou's spring 2006 graduates - including several MU football players - gather for a group celebration photo

>> Marcus Bacon, Linebacker

Graphic rendering of new computer lab center.

>> COMPUTER LAB

- The newly-expanded Shelden Academic Resource Center includes a 50-workstation computer lab, more than 20 group and individual tutor rooms, staff offices and meeting rooms, as well as a large study area, giving Tiger student-athletes virtually every resource they need to be successful in the classroom.

- The new center will also feature state-of-the-art wireless Internet capabilities for all Tiger student-athletes to use.

- The success is quite evident; as Missouri has led the Big 12 Conference in graduation rates twice in the last several years. Additionally, Tiger student-athletes recorded the highest-ever grade point averages in school history during the 2005-06 academic year.

- Thirty-one Tiger football student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better in the fall 2005 semester. Overall, Mizzou ranked 1st in the Big 12 Conference in Academic Progress Rate (APR).

Total Person Program Director Bryan Maggard [right] and former Tiger Brad Smith

>> DeMarcus Scott, Defensive Lineman

Graphic rendering of new Onofrio Team Room.

>> ONOFRIO TEAM ROOM

The Tiger Football program benefits from a state-of-the-art team meeting facility known as the Onofrio Team Room. The room is named after former Tiger coaching great Al Onofrio, and the newly-expanded room will comfortably seat over 150 people.

The room has video, DVD and computer presentation capabilities, and features surround sound. Head Coach Gary Pinkel holds his weekly news briefing with the media each Monday afternoon from this room.

A lounge with nice amenities is available for football student-athletes to hang out in, and it is located just down the hallway from the locker room. It includes a television, pool table, foosball table and several comfortable couches and chairs in which to relax between classes or practices.

>> Matt Hoenes, Punter

Graphic rendering of new locker rooms.

>> LOCKER ROOM

Contained in the Northwest portion of the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, the University of Missouri locker room is an NFL-style locker room facility that has the capability to hold around 130 players.

The locker room has expanded with the facility project, and will give Tiger Football players a state-of-the-art facility to use on a daily basis. A few facts about the new locker room include:

- The new locker room will be over 7,000 square feet in size, with a ceiling height of nearly 20 feet…
- The lounge in the middle of the room will have a 65-inch plasma high-definition television, outfitted with an X-Box and DVD player…
- The locker room will also have eight 30-inch plasma high-definition televisions throughout the room…
- The locker room will have a state-of-the-art sound system throughout…
- The locker room will feature state-of-the-art ionic breeze filters, which will remove odor and germs from the air…
- The locker room will feature state-of-the-art ventilation, which far exceeds the needs of the space, which translates into an area that has new air put into it on an hourly basis, eliminating odor, humidity and superior air cleaning capabilities…
- Connected to the room will be a shoe drying room, where each player will have the ability to place their wet shoes in a drying rack and have their shoes dry and ready for the next practice…

A few facts about the new lockers include:

- Each locker is 3 ½-feet wide, and contains a home for every Missouri issued item…
- Each locker has stainless steel mesh inserts on each side of the locker, not only for ventilation, but for unhindered communication between teammates…
- Each locker has a GFI electrical outlet in it, to allow for cell phone charging, DVD players, or laptops…
- Each locker has a custom designed stainless steel nameplate within it.

>> Xzavie Jackson,
Defensive End

>> SPORTS MEDICINE CENTER

- The mission of the University of Missouri's Sports Medicine Staff since the arrival of Director of Sports Medicine, Rex Sharp, in 1996 is to provide the best possible health care for all Mizzou student-athletes, while promoting an atmosphere conducive to the education of student athletic trainers.

- The Glenn L. McElroy M.D. Sports Medicine Center enables the sports medicine team to provide the finest health care in the country to Tiger Football athletes.

- The "MAC" features state-of-the-art treatment and rehabilitation equipment including a Swim-Ex 7,000 therapeutic Exercise/Rehabilitation Pool, 20 custom made treatment tables with high tech treatment modalities, and 15 custom made taping stations.

- In addition, the sports medicine center contains a large therapeutic exercise area featuring stair-steppers for conditioning, closed kinetic chain rehabilitation, exercise cycles, upper body ergo meters and treadmills.

- The Missouri Athletic Training Staff recently received a "Best Staff in the Big 12 Conference" award for their expertise.

>> Darren Meade,
Defensive Back

Graphic rendering of new dining facilities.

>> DINING SERVICES

Preparing a meal for 250 people five nights a week is just part of what the staff in Athletic Dining Services does. They serve dinner Sunday through Thursday for the Mizzou Football team during the season.

The new dining hall has been expanded to over 9,200 square feet of spacious accommodations (almost three times the previous amount of space prior to the expansion) that will give Mizzou Football student-athletes the best dining facilities around. In the new dining facility, there will be room for specialized cooking stations, such as pizza, omelets, stir-fry, etc., in addition to many more exciting features.

The dining services staff works along with the Missouri strength and conditioning coaches in developing menus that maintain a good nutritional value. They plan meals that are low in fat and high in protein to meet the demanding physical needs of Tiger student-athletes.

On a typical night the dining hall offers two entrees, two types of pasta, one starch item, two vegetables, bread, soup, a full salad bar, a deli bar, up to 10 types of fruit and a dessert. The dining hall also provides six types of juices, three kinds of Powerade, tea and milk.

In addition, Dining Services provides meals for recruits and their families on game days and at athletic department special events and functions held in the Memorial Stadium press tower and other locations such as Mizzou Arena.

>> Brandon Massey, Safety

>> THE COLUMNS

- The landmark of Mizzou's campus is the majestic Columns, which stand proudly in the middle of picturesque Francis Quadrangle. The six ionic columns that stand are all that remain of the old Academic Hall that was destroyed by fire on Jan. 9, 1892. They remain to honor the many generations of students and faculty who have passed in their shadow.

- The Quadrangle and its Columns are fond symbols of MU and the witness to many events annually, including graduation and various other ceremonies.

- Many myths surround the Columns, including the legend that the architect placed two further apart for his own amusement.

>> DeQuincy Howard, Tight End

Louis Pintola and Dr. Rex Campbell, Professor of Rural Sociology

>> TOP-NOTCH FACULTY

- At Mizzou, nationally prominent scholars and scientists bring their insights and discoveries into the classroom, and often involve students directly in research. MU's stellar professors, 94 percent of whom have doctorates or the highest degree in their fields, inspire young men and women to reach their full potential.
- MU researchers are international leaders in the development of radiopharmaceutical drugs used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.
- MU invented Therasphere® for liver cancer; Quadramet® for bone cancer pain; and Ceratec™ for brain imaging to diagnose stroke, Alzheimer's Disease, infections, and more.
- MU scientists also have produced a new drug, in the final stage of FDA trials, that has tremendous promise in the treatment and diagnosis of breast and prostate cancer.
- Discoveries that could improve the lives of millions include a genetic therapy technique that restores normal muscle function in mice with symptoms of muscular dystrophy and immunotherapy that potentially could prevent the onset of Type I diabetes in mice.
- MU scientists also have discovered a receptor protein that causes chronic inflammation, a major contributor to arthritis, cancer, stroke, diabetes and other diseases. This discovery will lead to novel nutritional and pharmaceutical treatments.
- MU researchers were the first to develop transgenic pigs whose organs can potentially be transplanted into humans.
- MU also has developed a new implant to treat severe joint degeneration and arthritis. The treatment has allowed crippled dogs to walk and is now being used in human clinical trials.
- MU is developing a salmonella sensor to detect food safety problems, a personal HIV detection kit, an implantable insulin sensor to monitor blood sugar, and new techniques for making artificial blood vessels.
- MU and the Midwest Research Institute are designing a natural gas tank that will replace gasoline tanks in next-generation clean automobiles and turn natural gas from landfills into a renewable energy source.
- Astronauts heading to Mars may be accompanied by "Robonaut," NASA's humanlike robot that will collect samples and make repairs. MU researchers are developing a special language to improve communication between these robots and humans.
- MU and the Navy are developing new tools to identify and disrupt terrorist networks.

<< Louis Pintola, Offensive Lineman

"Mizzou's Student Recreation Center was named 'Best in the Nation' by Sports Illustrated."

>> EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES

- Mizzou boasts one of the most beautiful college campuses in America, and more importantly for the student-athlete, some of the best facilities around.

- The brand-new Student Recreation Center is without question one of the most impressive facilities of its kind in the nation. With multiple first-class workout rooms, indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, locker room facilities, and numerous other fitness activities including rock climbing, basketball, racquet ball and more, the Student Recreation Center is second to none.

- Sports Illustrated recently named the Mizzou Student Recreation Center the best in the nation!

- The College of Business is housed in a new facility named Cornell Hall, giving the school an eye-catching home that attracts some of the nation's top business-minded students. Other new facilities include the new Life Sciences Center, and Mizzou Arena for Mizzou basketball. On the horizon is the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute for advanced studies in journalism.

The above photos and renderings depict just portions of the student recreation center and brand new residence halls opening up this fall. These facilities provide Mizzou students with some of the finest amenities and most state-of-the-art updated living quarters in the nation. Freshman MU football student-athletes will get to live in the new residence halls beginning in the fall of 2006.

>> Andrew Hoskins, Wide Receiver

MU

>> MIZZOU: THE COMPLETE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

- Mizzou offers endless options, from choice of academic majors and living arrangements to opportunities to gain professional experience, study abroad, conduct research, participate in sports, explore the arts and make a difference in the world. Mizzou students get a great education while having the time of their lives.

- In a survey of 2002 and 2003 graduates, 87 percent who were in the job market found employment soon after graduation: 85 percent with bachelor's degrees, 90 percent with graduate degrees and 97 percent with professional school degrees. Of those employed, 90% were in jobs related to their field of study. Nearly 3,000 companies and organizations regularly recruit MU students, including about 200 Fortune 500 companies.

- According to a July 2002 U.S. Census Bureau report, bachelor's degree graduates can expect on average to earn $2.1 million over their lifetimes compared to the $1.2 million earned by high school graduates. The report also indicates that the economic advantage of an education has increased over the past 25 years. Individuals with bachelor's degrees were earning 1.5 times more than high school graduates in 1975. By 1999, the ratio had risen to 1.8.

>> THE GOLDEN GIRLS

One of the most well-known and proud traditions surrounding Mizzou Football is the famous dance line known as the Golden Girls. A fall afternoon at Faurot Field wouldn't be complete without watching their halftime performances or their in-game efforts to lead Tiger fans in supporting the team.

In 1957, Charles Emmons, the director of the band, added the sparkle to Marching Mizzou by founding the now-famous Golden Girls, a twirling line of six to eight majorettes and two feature twirlers. The group first danced in 1966, when then-director Dr. Alex Pickard had the girls throw down their batons and do the "Charleston." In 1970, the twirling line officially became the gold-sequined, high-kicking dance line that it is today.

The Golden Girls are one of the best groups in the nation. They recently claimed a national championship, as they won the United Spirit Association Collegiate Nationals in 2003. That added to previous national titles won by the squad in 1991 and 1992. Their 1991 title netted the group a trip to Japan, where they performed at the Japan Classic Basketball All-Star Series.

Shannon Fry, the head coach of the Golden Girls, was herself a Golden Girl at Mizzou from 1990-94 and was a four-time collegiate All-American. After graduation, Fry cheered for the Kansas City Chiefs and began coaching at Blue Springs High School, where her cheerleaders were two-time Missouri state champs.

2003 National Champions

FIVE Straight
Top-10 National Finishes

>> CHEER SQUAD

Mizzou Football also enjoys outstanding support from its coed Cheer Squad, which has a proud tradition dating back nearly 100 years.

The Cheer Squad made its first appearance in the 1909-10 school year with an all-male squad called the "Yell Leaders." The white-clad squad was led by a head cheerleader who was sent with the football team on all trips, to gather Missouri support at the out of town games. In the fall of 1937, three women were added to the squad. The addition of Betty Jacque Smith, Betty Ann Onhemus and Jean Jones gave new enthusiasm to fans.

In 1954, a pep organization called the "Hellcats" formed to coordinate fundraisers to help finance the cheerleaders to out of town games. In was in this same year that the cheerleaders were organized under the Student Government Association. In the next several years the cheerleaders prospered, not only growing in size, but also growing in enthusiasm. In the early 1980's, the cheerleaders were moved under the direction of the Athletic Department, where the squad now resides under the leadership of Head Coach Suzy Thompson.

Thompson's squad recently had a top-10 finish in the annual National Cheerleading Association competition, marking MU's fifth straight top-10 showing.

>> TRUMAN THE TIGER

The nickname "Tigers," given to Mizzou's athletic teams, traces its origin to the Civil War period. At that time, plundering guerilla bands habitually raided small towns, and Columbia people constantly feared an attack. Such organizations as temporary "home guards" and vigilance companies banded together to fight off any possible forays.

The town's preparedness discouraged any guerilla activity and the protecting organization began to disband in 1854. However, it was rumored that a guerilla band, led by the notorious Bill Anderson, intended to sack the town. Quickly organized was an armed guard of Columbia citizens, who built a blockhouse and fortified the old courthouse in the center of town. This company was called "The Missouri Tigers."

The marauders never came. The reputation of the intrepid "Tigers" presumably traveled abroad, and Anderson's gang detoured around Columbia.

Soon after Missouri's first football team was organized in 1890, the athletic committee adopted the nickname "Tiger" in official recognition of those Civil War defenders.

Their spirit is now embodied in the MU mascot — "Truman the Tiger." Named for the Missouri-bred President of the United States — Harry S. Truman — the mascot performs at all MU football and basketball games, and many other athletic events. Truman also makes numerous civic appearances, at schools, hospitals, county fairs, etc.

Truman has been acclaimed "Best Mascot in the Nation" in national competition three times in recent years, including winning the national title in 2004!

>> HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS

- One important measure of global influence is the fact that Mizzou is one of only 34 public universities, and the only public institution in Missouri, in the Association of American Universities. Membership is limited to the most prestigious public and private research institutions in the United States and Canada.

- With 20 schools and colleges and more than 275 degree programs — including more than two dozen online degree options – MU is the most comprehensive institution of higher learning in the state. It is one of only six public universities in the nation with medicine, veterinary medicine and law all on one campus. Programs that rank among the top ten in the U.S. are exercise physiology, law dispute resolution, family and community medicine, counseling psychology, creative writing, veterinary biomedical science, journalism, school guidance, and health management and informatics.

- By emphasizing collaboration, Mizzou leverages the depth and breadth of many outstanding programs. A prime example is the life sciences initiative, bringing together interdisciplinary teams to improve food, health and the environment. Missouri's leaders view life sciences as an important economic generator for the 21st century.

- The College of Engineering is home to more than 40 research centers, laboratories and institutes that draw upon the combined expertise of researchers across campus. For example, faculty from civil, computer, electrical and mechanical engineering are working together to build stronger buildings that are able to withstand a variety of explosions, including those associated with terrorist attacks.

- Emerging as a national leader in gerontology, MU draws on expertise in nursing, social work, physical therapy and MU's Eldercare Center. Tiger Place, the "aging in place" residential facility model for the future, is the University's newest asset.

>> DEVINE PAVILION

- The Daniel J. Devine Indoor Practice Facility, named for Hall of Fame Coach Dan Devine, is one of the finest indoor practice facilities in the Big 12 Conference. The $12 million project was completed in the summer of 1998 and serves as the site of the Missouri Tigers' off-season conditioning workouts.

- In addition, the Tigers can avoid inclement weather and conduct a full-scale practice on the 90-yard artificial surface inside the facility. The facility has come in especially handy recently, as the Tigers practiced inside extensively late into the winter months in preparation for both the 2003 and 2005 Independence bowls.

- When daylight savings goes into effect late in the fall, the Tigers will often times go inside to finish practice in the Devine Pavilion. A large sound system also allows for the Tigers to simulate crowd noise as they prepare for road games.

- The Devine Pavilion is located just south of the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex and adjacent to the Tigers' natural grass practice fields.

>> Mike Cook, Offensive Lineman

>> TIGER WALK BRIDGE

- Beautifully tying together the elements of the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex and Memorial Stadium is a picturesque pedestrian bridge that was constructed just prior to the beginning of the 2002 season. The Tiger Walk Bridge spans over Providence Road, and allows for fans to safely cross over from parking lots to Memorial Stadium on game days.

- A new tradition also began with the opening of the bridge in 2002 – something called the Tiger Walk. The Tiger Walk takes place when the Tigers arrive hours before each home game, they will then symbolically walk across the bridge as a team. Awaiting them on the other side are the MU Golden Girls, Cheer Squad, Truman the Tiger, Marching Mizzou and hundreds of other fans and supporters doing their best to help cheer the Tigers on to victory as they head to the locker room to prepare for the upcoming game.

>> Jamar Smith,
Defensive Lineman

>> THE SPORTS PARK AT MU

The Sports Park at MU has evolved into one of the best comprehensive collegiate sports venues in the nation. From football and baseball to track and softball, all 20 sports at the University of Missouri have benefited from a series of new construction projects that began in 1995.

State-of-the-art Mizzou Arena was completed in October of 2004, and the $75 million facility gives MU arguably the finest on-campus basketball facility in the nation.

Yet another crown jewel to the ever-growing Sports Park at MU opened in 2005, when the brand-new Mizzou Aquatics Center debuted on campus as part of the new state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center

When the $16 million renovation and expansion project for the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex is completed, that will up the total money spent on MU Sports Park facilities to a whopping $154 million from 1995 to the present.

Sports Park at MU Major Projects, 1995-2006

Project	Cost
Faurot Field Renovation	$15.2 million
Glenn McElroy Sports Medicine Center	$2.7 million
Daniel J. Devine Pavilion	$6 million
Shelden Academic Resource Center	$2.7 million
Tom Taylor Building Upgrades	$1.8 million
Audrey J. Walton Track Soccer Field Stadium	$2.8 million
Yeckel Training Center Expansion	$500,000
University Softball Field	$400,000
Ralph & Debbie Taylor/Phi Delta Theta Stadium	$2.2 million
Memorial Stadium Press Box	$13.1 million
Green Tennis Center at Mizzou	$2 million
Providence Road Pedestrian Overpass	$1.5 million
FieldTurf Installation at Faurot Field	$1 million
Mizzou Arena	$75 million
Mizzou Aquatics Center	$11 million
Mizzou Athletics Training Complex	$16 million
TOTAL	**$154 million**

>> EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS

The Tiger equipment staff plays a vital role in the day-to-day operation of Missouri Football. Don Barnes is in his seventh year as the Director of Equipment Operations at Mizzou.

Barnes' duties include ordering and fitting equipment, ordering and caring for team uniforms, practice gear, and general maintenance of the team and coaches' locker rooms. He also was instrumental in finalizing MU's lucrative new agreement with Nike, which has moved Mizzou to the elite Nike Team School designation – meaning that Tiger football players get the best of the best the sporting giant has to offer.

On the following pages is a partial catalog of equipment and gear that is issued to Mizzou football players through Barnes and his staff.

>> Equipment Issued to Tiger Football Players

MU000610
Cordua Pro-Vent Stretch
Home Game Jersey
010 Black

MU 000461
Nike Unified Championship
Practice Pant
010 Black

MU000611
Cordua Pro-Vent Stretch
Away Game Jersey
100 White

MU000612
Cordua Nylon Stretch
Home Game Pant
010 Black

Independence Bowl
Championship Ring

MU000613
Cordua Nylon Stretch
Away Game Pant
100 White

MU000701
Nike Air Zoom Apocalypse III

MU000702
Nike Air Zoom Torque D

MU000703
Nike Torque D

MU000713
Nike Speed TD

MU000714
Nike Air Zoom Astro Grabber 3/4

MU000715
Nike Air Zoom Astro Grabber

MU 000730
Nike Blade II TD

MU000704
Nike Air Torque Shark

MU000705
Nike Air Torque Shark (Adult and BG)

MU000706
Nike Air Zoom Barracuda Stove

MU000716
Nike Open Field 3/4

MU000717
Nike Mission Detachable

MU000718
Nike Mission Turf

IB 0003660
Nike Air Max Astonish

MU000707
Nike Air Zoom Barracuda

MU000708
Nike Air Pro Shark Stove

MU000709
Nike Air Pro Turf Stove

MU000719
Nike Strike Force High

MU000720
Nike Strike Force 3/4

MU000721
Nike Strike Force

MU 000735
Nike Air Zoom Apocalypse IV D

MU000710
Nike Air Pro Turf

MU000711
Nike Super Speed D

MU000712
Nike Speed TD 3/4

MU000722
Nike Land Shark High

MU000723
Nike Land Shark 3/4
(Adult and BG)

MU000724
Nike Land Shark (Adult and BG)

MU 000745
Nike Free Trainer

MU 000733
Nike Strike Force Low

MU 000737
Nike Air Zoom
Boss Shark ¾ Wide

MU 000731
Nike Air Astro Grabber

MU 000732
Nike Vapor Jet TD

MU 000734
Nike Zoom Air Vapor

MU 000736
Nike Air Zoom Blade II ¾ TD

MU 000741
Nike Air Max LTD Trainer

MU-VSR-4
Riddell Kra-Lite II
Polycarbonate Lexon
Shell • 010 Black

MU000612
Schutt Pro Air II
010 Black

MU100100
Revolution Helmet

MU-TI-6-2B
Riddell Revolution 6-Bar
Titanium • 010 Black

MU-TI-6-3-BD
Riddell Revolution 6-Bar
Titanium • 010 Black

MU-TI-Revo Long Open
Riddell Revolution 6-Bar
Titanium • 010 Black

MU-RJOP-UB-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced w/ U-Bar
010 Black

MU-NJOP-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Nose, Jaw, & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-EGJOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Eyeglass, Jaw, & Oral
Protection • 010 Black

MU-RJOP-UB
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced w/ U-Bar
010 Black

MU-NJOP-XL-DW
Schutt Armourguard -
Xtra Large
010 Black

MU-NJOP-SW
Schutt Armourguard -
Nose, Jaw, & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-EGJOP-II
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Eyeglass, Jaw, & Oral
Protection • 010 Black

MU-JOP-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Jaw & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-JOP-XL
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Xtra Large •
010 Black

MU-JOP-SW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Jaw & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-JOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Jaw & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-RJOP-SW
Schutt ArmourGuard - Reinforced •
010 Black

MU-RJOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced •
010 Black

MU-NJOP-XL
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Xtra Large • 010 Black

MU-EGOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Eyeglass & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-OPO-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Oral Protection • 010 Black

MU-RKOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced • 010 Black

Riddell Soft Cup Chin Strap
4 pt. Low Standard
100 White

Riddell Soft Cup Chin Strap
4 pt. Mid/High Hook-Up
100 White

Riddell Hard Cup Chin Strap
4 pt. Mid/High Hook-Up
011 Black/White

MU Pro-100
Adams Plastic Cup Lined
4 pt. High Hook-Up w/ D-Rings
011 Black/White

MU200100
Power Custom Shoulder Pads

MU200101
Power Practice Shells

MU000450
Personal Atmosair Team Travel Bag • 010 Black

IB 0004858
I - Bowl Leather
Team Training XL Duffel
010 Black

IB 0003991
Swiss Army I - Bowl B2.1
Large Pack
010 Black

MU000480
Basic Dri-Fit Short Sleeve Tee
010 Black

MU000484
Longsleeve All In-All Out Tee
010 Black

MU000485
Classic Longsleeve Tee
010 Black

MU000474
Metro Survivor Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000482
Basic Dri-Fit Short Sleeve Tee
100 White

MU000493
Heavy Pill Fleece
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000473
Special Forces Team Issue Tee
100 White

MU000475
Retro Edge Tee
082 Heather Grey/Black

MU 000417
Nike Vapor Mizzou Tee
010 Black /182 Heather Grey

MU000508
Longsleeve Cotton Mock
100 White

MU000476
Varsity Block Survivor Tee
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000472
Bottom Line Off-Season Tee
010 Black

MU000470
Special Forces Zone Tee
010 Black

MU000471
Scout Team Zone Tee
010 Black

MU000428
Missouri Tigers Tee
182 Heather Grey • 100 White

MU000429
Tiger Football Tee
100 White • 182 Heather Grey

MU000420
Just Do It Tee
010 Black • 100 White

MU000422
Twin Posts Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000424
Practice Tee 3
010 Black • 182 Heather Grey
721 Mizzou Gold

MU 000414
Nike Mizzou Power Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU050421
Mizzou Player Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU050425
Pro-vent Seamless Tee
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000423
MIS Direction Tee
010 Black

MU000425
Practice Tee 3
182 Heather Grey

MU000426
Practice Tee 3
100 White

IB 0003681
Nike I - Bowl Pro
Basic Mizzou Loose
010 Black

MU050423
Big Team Practice Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU050424
Big Team Workout Tee
010 Black

MU000421
Football Tiger Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000427
Mizzou Football Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU 000509
Dri-Fit Nike Pro Vent Loose
Short Sleeve Grey
182 Heather Grey

MU000415
Solid Dri-Fit Pique Polo
010 Black

MU000419
Dri-Fit Grid Texture Polo
100 White

MU000418
Polynosic Knit Polo
010 Black

MU000405
Crossing Pattern Polo
100 White

MU000406
Crossing Pattern Polo
010 Black

MU000408
Full House Polo
010 White

MU000416
Chest Stripe Polo
111 White/Black

MU000917
Chest Stripe Polo
011 Black/White

MU000401
Heritage Mercerized Polo
100 White

MU000409
Heritage Mercerized Polo
010 Black

MU000444
New Classic Long Sleeve Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000443
Speed Kills L/S Tee
100 White • 010 Black

MU000440
Interlock Missouri Football
Mock
010 Black

MU 000459
Nike Missouri
United Fleece Crew
182 Heather Grey

MU 000519
Nike Pro Vent Loose Long
Sleeve Crew
721 Mizzou Gold

MU 000451
Nike Mizzou Open Field
Premiere Fleece Pant
182 Heather Grey

MU 000466
Nike Mizzou Mercurial Bottom
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

IB 0003743
Nike Clima-Fit Bowl Top
082 Heather Grey / Black

IB 0003716
Nike Clima-Fit Bowl Bottom
082 Heather Grey/Black

MU 000465
Nike Mizzou Mercurial Top
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000435 • MU0004402
Tigers Football Sweats-
Top/Bottom
182 Heather Grey

MU000436 • MU000448
Tiger Football Sweats-
Top/Bottom
010 Black

MU000441 • MU000446
Mizzou Football Sweats-
Top/Bottom
182 Heather Grey

MU000437 • MU000449
Textured Travel Sweats-
Top/Bottom
010 Black

MU000510
Missouri Award Letter Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000434
Long Sleeve Storm Fit
010 Black

MU000438
Nylon Pullover
010 Black

MU000456
Nike Clima-fit Jacket w/ Hood
010 Black

IB 0004132
Antigua I - Bowl Knit
Lined Pullover
601 Red

IB 0003714
I - Bowl Image Pleated
Long Sleeve Linen Shirt
010 Black

MU000445
Therma-Fit Chest Stripe Fleece
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000439
Sueded Microfiber V-Neck
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000453
Nike Retro Nylon Lined Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000410
Woven Sweater Vest
100 White • 261 Khaki
010 Black

MU000411
Woven Tigerhead Sweater Vest
010 Black

MU000412
Woven Mizzou Sweater Vest
010 Black

MU000455
Nike Game Core Sideline Jacket
010 Black

MU000454
Nike Safety Blitz Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000432–433
Long Sleeve Poly Dri-Fit Top
100 White • 010 Black

MU000502–503
Dri-Fit One Tight
100 White • 010 Black

MU000505
Pro-Vent Seamless Dry-Fit Workout Top
010 Black

MU 000517
Dri-Fit Nike Pro Seamless
Long Sleeve Loose Crew
010 Black

MU 000516
Dri-Fit Nike Pro Seamless
Short Sleeve Tight Crew
100 White

MU000514
Dri-Fit L/S Mock One Tight
100 White

MU000504
Dri-Fit L/S One Tight
100 White

MU000452
Poly Dri-Fit Loose Fit Crew
100 White

MU000512
Dri-Fit Nike Sphere Ace
Loose LS Crew
100 White

MU 000497
Nike Dri Fit Pro
Loose Layer Short
010 Black

MU000402
Missouri Swoosh Flex Fit Cap
010 Black

MU000400
Nike 'M' Flex Fit Cap
010 Black • 100 White

MU000001
Mesh Top Jimi Cap
010 Black

MU000403
Tiger Head Visor
010 Black

MU000404
Flex-Fit Mesh Visor
011 Black/White

MU000010
College Nike Visor II
261 Khaki

MU000011
College Nike Visor II
100 White

MU000002
Pro Knit Skully
010 Black

MU000015
Wool Classic Cap
010 Black

MU000018
Dri-Fit Coaches Cap II
100 White

MU000017
Swoosh Flex Cap
721 Mizzou Gold9

IB 0003803
I - Bowl Team Campus Cap
100 White

MU000200
Magnigrip Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000201
Magnigrip Gloves
082 Grey

MU000202
Magnigrip 2 Silicon Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000203
G-Tack Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000204
Speedtack Receiver Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000207
G-Tack Palm Pad Gloves
082 Grey

MU000208
D-Tack Magnigrip Gloves
082 Grey

MU000200
Magnigrip Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000210
Textured Cold Weather Gloves
010 Black

MU000206
D-Tack II Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000207
G-Tack Palm Pad Gloves
082 Grey

IB 0004182
Fossil I. Bowl Blue Athletic
Watch

>> JUSTIN GAGE

>> ZACH VILLE

>> BRAD SMITH

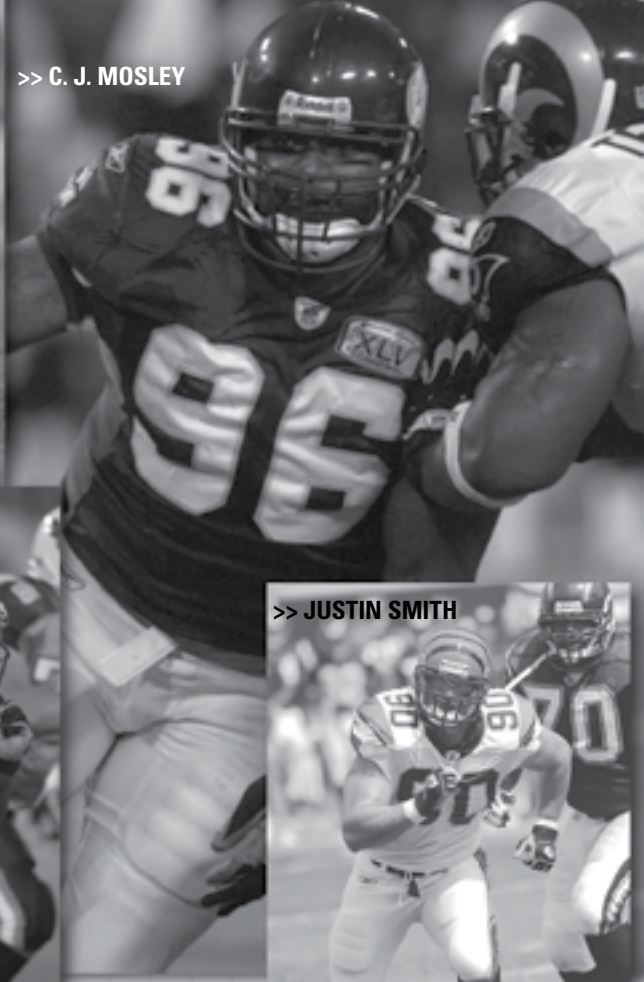
>> TONY PALMER

>> ROB DROEGE

>> BRANDON BARNES

Rob Droege won the 2006 World Bowl Championship playing with the Frankfurt Galaxy in NFL Europe.

>> ATIYYAH ELLISON



>> C. J. MOSLEY

>> DAMIEN NASH

>> JUSTIN SMITH

>> TIGERS IN THE PROS

Every young football player dreams about playing in the National Football League. The University of Missouri has proven to be a good training ground to make those dreams a reality, as over 200 Tigers have gone on to play professionally.

Two Tigers were selected in the 2006 NFL Draft, as record-setting quarterback Brad Smith was chosen in the fourth round by the New York Jets, and offensive lineman Tony Palmer went to the St. Louis Rams in round seven. With three Tigers taken in the 2005 NFL Draft, the two-year total of five draft picks is an MU record under the current format of seven rounds in the draft.

NFL scouts and key front office personnel are regular visitors to Tiger practices and games throughout the year, as Gary Pinkel and his staff welcome them into the program to get exposure to Tiger players.

One of the biggest plays in Super Bowl history was made by a proud Missouri alum, as linebacker Mike Jones made the game-saving tackle for the St. Louis Rams in the closing seconds of Super Bowl XXIV against the Tennessee Titans. On the last play of the game, with St. Louis clinging to a slim lead, the Titans' Kevin Dyson caught a pass from quarterback Steve McNair and was heading toward the end-zone. But Jones stopped Dyson less than one yard shy of the endzone as the final gun sounded to give the Rams a world championship and forever etch his name in the record books as a Super Bowl hero.

Atlanta Falcons
Dwayne Blakley, TE

Baltimore Ravens
Rob Droege, OL

Buffalo Bills
Derrick Ming, FB

Carolina Panthers
Atiyyah Ellison, DL

Chicago Bears
Justin Gage, WR

Cincinnati Bengals
Justin Smith, DE

Kansas City Chiefs
Zach Ville, DL

Miami Dolphins
Shirdonya Mitchell, DB

Minnesota Vikings
C.J. Mosley, DL

New York Jets
Brad Smith, WR

San Diego Chargers
Sean Coffey, WR

Seattle Seahawks
Michael Harden, DB

St. Louis Rams
Tony Palmer, OL

Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Keith Wright, DL

Tennessee Titans
Damien Nash, RB

Washington Redskins
Brandon Barnes, LB

Mizzou has had five players selected in the 2005 and 2006 NFL Drafts combined, marking the most Tigers taken in a two-year period under the current draft format

>> Over 100 former Tiger football players met in Columbia during the 2006 Black & Gold Game for a player reunion.

>> MIZZOU'S LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM: LIFE AFTER SPORTS

The mission of the Life Skills program is to inspire student-athletes to continue their pursuit of excellence when the crowd stops cheering. Extensive programming is provided to enhance the overall development of student-athletes at Mizzou as students, citizens and athletes. The five components of the Life Skills program include: Academic Excellence, Career Services, Community Outreach, Personal Development and Athletic Commitment.

The absolute top priority at the University of Missouri is that all student-athletes obtain a well-rounded education and earn a meaningful degree. The Total Person Program provides student-athletes with all of the tools necessary in reaching their academic goals.

But Mizzou Athletics isn't just about encouraging textbook smarts. One of its core missions is to prepare its student-athletes for the demands of life after their athletic days are done. An exciting new service was launched in 2005 for student-athletes to prepare them for transition careers when their athletic days are done.

The program, called Life After Sports™ encourages student-athletes to not lose site of making plans for when their playing days are done, and consists of transition preparation and career placement assistance. It is available to all current and former student-athletes, and is believed to be the most in-depth transition and placement program of its kind for student-athletes anywhere in the United States.

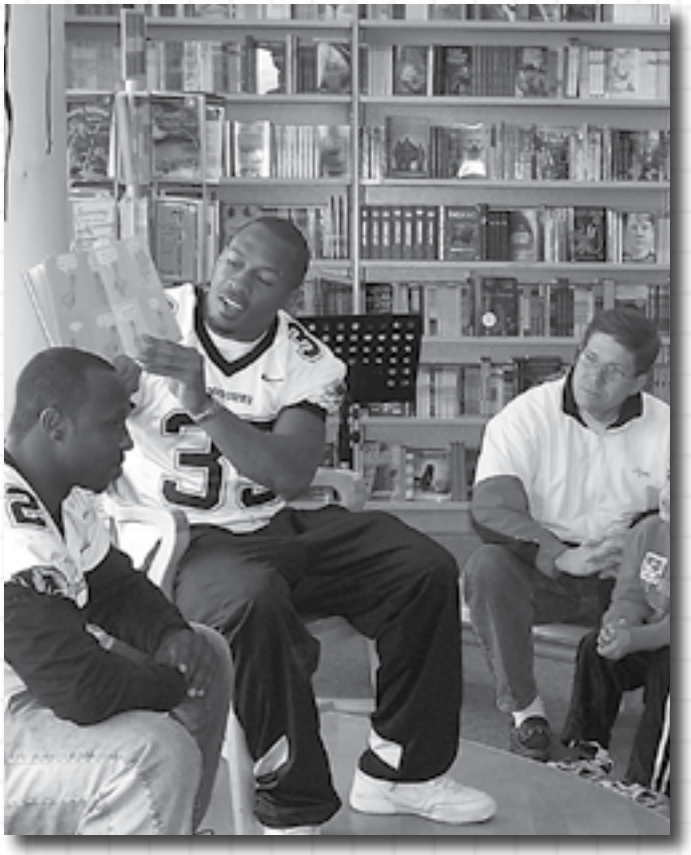
the McBride mj Group

The first annual Mizzou Student-Athlete Career Fair was hosted in April of 2006, and over 20 prominent companies were involved. The purpose for the Career Fair is to expose Mizzou's student-athletes to companies and corporations and for them to gain real world experiences through job shadowing and internship opportunities. A listing of some of the companies involved included:

- Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.
- Cintas Corporation
- Waddell & Reed
- AXA Advisors
- State Farm Insurance Companies
- Bass Pro Shops
- Countrywide Financial
- Shelter Insurance Company
- Target Stores
- Centric Group
- Mortgage Research Center
- University of Missouri Health Care
- Old American Insurance Company
- Wal-Mart
- City of Columbia
- University of Missouri-Crosby MBA Program
- Renaissance Financial
- First National Bank & Trust Co.
- The Lodge of Four Seasons
- Health Management & Informatics, School of Medicine, UMC
- United States Marine Corp.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car

More information about this unique program can be found via the World Wide Web, at www.mcbridesports.com.

Community service is also an important facet of the program, and offers student-athletes the opportunity to learn more about themselves and others. Missouri student-athletes engage in a variety of community and charitable activities within the state of Missouri. The Tiger literacy program, pen pal program and individual team service projects provide fun, enriching and meaningful opportunities for student-athletes to have a positive impact on the community. Community service proves to be an enjoyable experience for the both the student-athletes and the people served.



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>> MID-MISSOURI LIFE, COLUMBIA, MO.

For the person who likes to do it all, Columbia, Mo. is the place to be. The quintessential college town, Columbia has been recently ranked among the top 10 cities to live, according to Money Magazine.

The city encourages and offers any type of lifestyle and is flexible enough in its offering to entice almost anyone. The variety and quality of cultural and recreational opportunities are virtually limitless. The vast ethnicity and background of its residents, and the quality they bring to Columbia is something for all to experience first hand.

Columbia is a town of over 80,000 that is located in the center of the state of Missouri. Countless big-city attractions are a short car-ride away on Interstate-70, as Columbia lies only an hour and a half away from the metropolitan areas of Kansas City and St. Louis. Columbia is also less than an hour away from the Lake of the Ozarks, one of the top recreational and water sporting areas in the country.

Never is there a time that is considered "off-season" in Columbia. Outdoor enthusiasts can walk, jog or ride the Katy Trail, take a leisurely stroll around Shelter Insurance Gardens or go swimming or canoeing at Finger Lake State Park any time of the year. There are also numerous great shopping and entertainment opportunities both downtown or in one of the 13 major shopping areas around town.

Columbia is known for its variety of fine, unusual and popular restaurants, and at one time, boasted the most restaurants per capita in the country, according to a recent study. Columbia's nightlife offers all kinds of entertainment as well – residents can strut their stuff at a contemporary jazz, blues or progressive dance club, or go two-stepping at a country bar, or simply sit and relax at one of several establishments with patio seating.

Columbia has annually welcomed prominent political and social leaders, as well as actors and actresses, sports figures and some of the hottest musical acts in America. Recent visitors to Columbia include premier acts such as Dave Chappelle, Ja Rule, Larry the Cable Guy, Sting, Cher, Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban, Gretchen Wilson, Tony Bennett, Toby Keith, Sheryl Crow, Nelly, WWE Wrestling, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Destiny's Child, Bob Dylan, Alabama, John Mayer, Shinedown, Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Willie Nelson, just to name a few.

>> Mizzou Amphitheater

>> WWE Women

>> JaRule

>> Dave Chappelle

>> Nelly

>> Sting

>> Kelly Rowland

>> Sheryl Crow

>> MIZZOU AT A GLANCE

The University of Missouri-Columbia was founded in 1839 as the first public university west of the Mississippi River, the first public university in Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase territory.

Chancellor
Dr. Brady J. Deaton

Academic Units

College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
School of Natural Resources
College of Arts and Science
School of Fine Arts
School of Music
College of Business
School of Accountancy
College of Education
School of Information Science
and Learning Technologies
College of Engineering
Graduate School
Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs
College of Human Environmental Sciences
School of Social Work
School of Journalism
School of Law
School of Medicine
School of Health Professions
Sinclair School of Nursing
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Missouri Extension

Libraries

Ellis (main), Engineering, Geology, Health Sciences, Journalism, Law, Mathematical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine—3,256,756 volumes; 6,896,250 microforms; computerized card catalog; and CD-ROMs for public use. The collection of the MU Libraries is the largest in the state.

Living Alumni

Worldwide: 239,120
Missouri: 116,706
St. Louis: 42,928
Kansas City: 23,096

Enrollment (Fall 2005)
Total, 27,985; in state, 21,644; out of state, 6,341; undergraduate, 21,375; graduate and professional, 6,610. Above figures include: international, 1,374; minority, 2,899.

Annual Undergraduate Fees
(Based on 28 Credit Hours, FY 2006)
Missouri resident, $6,960 a year; non-resident, $16,086 a year.

Annual Room and Board (FY 2006)
Various options available. For example, a double occupancy room with 21 meals per week costs $6,540.

Average ACT Score	**25.4**
Freshman Retention Rate	**84.2%**
Degrees Granted for 2004–05	**6,128**

Number of Degree Programs

Total:	**267**
Bachelor's:	**88**
Master's:	**92**
Post-Master's Certificates:	**16**
First Professional:	**3**
Education Specialist:	**6**
Doctoral:	**62**

Budget (FY 2006) $975.9 million

Current Fund Revenue Budget for FY 2006 (in millions)

State appropriations:	$203.5 (20.9%)
Federal appropriations:	$14.8 (1.5%)
Grants and contracts:	$186.5 (19.1%)
Tuition and fees:	$246.4 (25.2%)
Enterprise-like operations:	$246.6 (25.3%)
Gifts and endowment income:	$34.7 (3.6%)
Miscellaneous revenue:	$43.4 (4.4%)
Endowment Pool (Year Ended June 30, 2005)	$442.8 million
Externally Funded Research (FY 2005)	$179.6 million
Research and Development Expenditures	$230 million (estimated)
Full-Time Employees (Benefit-Eligible)	12,143

Member

MU belongs to the Association of American Universities and has been designated "comprehensive doctoral with medical/veterinary" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. MU is also a member of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Acreage

1,358 acres (main campus)
18,021 acres (total MU acreage)

Mascot

Bengal Tiger

Colors

Black and Gold

Nickname

Mizzou

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>> MIZZOU PRIDE POINTS

MU Has Top-Flight Students

With more than 27,000 students from every county in Missouri, every state in the nation and 98 countries, Mizzou celebrates the largest enrollment in its 165-year history.

A student retention rate of 84.8 percent (measured by the number of freshmen who return as sophomores) and a six-year graduation rate of 67.8 percent are the highest they've ever been. In fact, Mizzou's five-year and six-year graduation rates currently rank first among the state's public institutions.

The 2004 freshman class boasts an ACT average of 25.4, compared with the national average of 20.9 and the state average of 21.5. Nearly one-third come from the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

MU attracts more valedictorians, Curators Scholars and twice as many of the state's Bright Flight Scholars than any other college or university in Missouri.

Mizzou was one of only 17 institutions in the country to have a Truman Scholar, a Udall Scholar and a Goldwater Scholar during the 2004-05 academic year. All three scholarships are nationally competitive and highly prestigious.

MU Is an Economic Engine for Missouri

In Missouri, MU's research activity has an economic impact of more than $380 million, supports more than 8,000 jobs, prepares students to succeed in a knowledge-based economy, solves problems and improves lives, leads to innovations and new companies, attracts new money to the state and helps make Missouri and the U.S. more competitive.

Based on the most recent data from the National Science Foundation (NSF), MU is ranked No. 2 of all public institutions in the Association of American Universities in growth of federal research. In fact, MU receives more research funding from the National Science Foundation than any other higher education institution - public or private - in Missouri.

MU conducted more than $200 million of research in fiscal year 2004. This means significant new dollars for the Missouri economy that create jobs and generate economic benefit for Missourians. Recent major awards include: $10.4 million for a National Swine Research Center; $10 million for a Cancer Imaging Center; $10 million for the National Center for Math Education; $8.5 million for the Thompson Family Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders; $8.5 million for a Regional Biosafety Research Lab; $5.4 million for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program; and $4 million to develop the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center.

MU Is a Nationally Competitive, Global University

MU is one of only 34 public U.S. universities, and the only public institution in Missouri, to be selected for membership in the Association of American Universities and designated Doctoral/Research Extensive by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. AAU membership recognizes excellence in teaching and research endeavors and includes only the nation's top-tier institutions. The other AAU member in Missouri is Washington University.

MU provides all the benefits of two universities in one — it's a major land-grant institution and Missouri's largest public research university. Many states support two, such as Michigan and Michigan State and Iowa and Iowa State.

MU is one of only six public universities in the country with medicine, veterinary medicine and law all on one campus. More Missouri physicians have received their medical degree from MU than from any other university. Two-thirds of Missouri veterinarians are MU graduates. Twenty percent of all attorneys in Missouri were educated at MU's law school. Mizzou's academic medical center treats patients from every county.

MU sends more students to study overseas than any other college or university in Missouri. Currently, MU offers more than 500 study abroad programs in 60 countries. Last year, nearly 800 MU students studied abroad.

MU Conducts Science for a Better Life

Currently, more than 700 faculty life scientists at MU are working to improve human and animal health, food and the environment.

MU has autism experts in Medicine, Health Professions, Education, Human Environmental Sciences and University Hospitals who are working together at the Thompson Family Center for Autism and Neuro-developmental Disorders. The new center could profoundly influence the future of autism treatment.

MU boasts some of the world's top scientists in wheat, corn and soybean research and ranks first in the country in the amount of funding from the National Science Foundation for plant genomics research.

MU is home to the world's most powerful university research reactor and is the largest U.S. producer of radioisotopes for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

MU is a national leader in comparative medicine; researchers collaborate, sharing discoveries, innovations and treatments benefiting both animals and humans.

The Southwestern Bell Science Education Center involves MU scientists, science teachers and schools to strengthen science education in Missouri schools.

MU Offers an Excellent, One-of-a-Kind Education

As Missouri's flagship university, MU has 20 schools and colleges and more than 275 degree programs — including two dozen online options — to help students reach their career and personal goals.

MU is highly ranked in quality and value by U.S. News & World Report, The Fiske Guide to Colleges, Barron's Best Buys in College Education, and in numerous other college guides.

The National Science Foundation has recognized MU as one of the top ten universities in the country for successfully integrating research into undergraduate education.

The Center for the Literary Arts reinforces MU's reputation as a "writing university" by uniting renowned programs in creative writing and theatre and maintaining connections with journalism and other fields to offer students an interdisciplinary approach to writing.

MU offers 95 Freshman Interest Groups, where students with shared academic interests live in the same residence hall and attend classes together. These communities, which are models for other institutions around the country, provide a strong academic and social foundation for freshmen and higher retention and graduation rates.

Mizzou offers students opportunities to perform in national venues, such as Mizzou on Broadway, Mizzou at Carnegie Hall and Mizzou at the Kennedy Center.

The MU Office of Service Learning formally integrates community service into student instruction and learning. During the 2004-05 academic year, 12 percent of MU undergraduates, or 2,469, enrolled in more than 100 service-learning courses.

MU's Campus Writing Program requires all undergraduate students to take at least two of more than 125 writing-intensive courses. The program was one of only 20 writing programs nationwide to receive a 2004 Certificate of Excellence from the Conference on College Composition and Communication. U.S. News & World Report also has recognized it four years in a row as among the best programs in the nation for incoming students.

Money magazine, Men's Journal and MSN.com have all called Columbia, Mo., one of America's best places to live because of its excellent quality of life.

MU Provides a Rich Learning Environment

MU recently completed more than $227 million in construction projects, including the new Life Sciences Center, the Mizzou Arena for basketball, the new Virginia Avenue Housing and Dining Facility and the Student Recreation Center expansion and renovation. Underway is the Southwest Campus Housing project, which will provide 659 beds and replace three residence halls, and the College Avenue Housing facility with 345 new beds. On the horizon is the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute for advanced studies in journalism, which was made possible by a $31 million gift to the School of Journalism, the largest private donation in MU history.

Alumni and friends have contributed more than $573 million toward the For All We Call Mizzou comprehensive campaign goal of $600 million to support students, faculty, programs and facilities at MU.

More than 5,000 trees and 650 varieties of plants accent the campus with colorful and fragrant flowers in the spring and brilliant leaves in the fall, transforming Mizzou into a botanical garden.

The collection of the MU Libraries is the largest in the state. Ellis, Engineering, Geology, Health Sciences, Journalism, Law, Mathematical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine have more than 3 million volumes and almost 7 million microforms.

Mizzou has more than 400 student-athletes involved in 20 sports in the state's only Division I-A athletic program.

MU Is Improving the Quality of Life

As Missouri's land grant institution and largest public research university, MU has a statewide mission to improve the public welfare. Every year, more than 1 million Missourians turn to MU and its extension programs to help them continue their education, solve problems and make informed decisions.

MU Health Care provides rural patients with better access to high-quality health care through its nationally recognized Missouri Telehealth Network, which has 43 sites in 27 Missouri counties.

More than 100,000 youth from across the state participate in University of Missouri Extension 4-H clubs or 4-H school enrichment programs each year.

The Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute and the Rural Policy Research Institute make objective contributions to state and national public policy.

Last year, the University's business development extension initiatives served 20,430 clients with individualized business management counseling and group training sessions and helped create $134.5 million in increased sales, adding or retaining 1,758 jobs.

Each year scientists at the Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory conduct more than 200,000 diagnostic tests to help determine the cause of death and disease in animals.

University Extension brings lifelong learning opportunities to Missourians in all walks of life. Annually, more than 100,000 people — including teachers, health care professionals, lawyers, firefighters and police officers — gain the latest knowledge in their professions while participating in continuing education opportunities offered through Extension and MU's schools and colleges.

>> THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE – ENTERS ITS SECOND DECADE OF COMPETITION

Fresh off its 10th anniversary season, the Big 12 Conference begins its second decade of competition in 2006-07. While there have been many proud accomplishments through the first 10 years, the conference and its members anticipate continued success.

Through its first 10 years, the Big 12 claimed 28 team and 310 individual NCAA titles. During this past season, conference programs captured national championships in football (Texas), women's indoor track & field (Texas), wrestling (Oklahoma State) and men's golf (Oklahoma State). In addition, 12 individual event titles were also won by student-athletes that compete in the Big 12.

The 2004-05 campaign marked the most successful in conference history with six NCAA championships. Baylor won the crown for women's basketball, becoming the first Big 12 squad to win in that sport. Colorado won both the men's and women's cross country trophies, just the fourth school in NCAA history to win both in the same year. Oklahoma State regained the top spot in wrestling, winning the national title for the 33rd time. Texas captured its fourth women's outdoor track & field crown, along with its sixth national championship in baseball.

The Big 12 leads all conferences with five appearances in the BCS National Championship game. A Big 12 team has played for the football national championship five of the last six years, and each of the last three. In basketball, an unprecedented eight men's and women's basketball teams have advanced to their respective Final Fours in the past five seasons as the Big 12 continues its place among the elite intercollegiate athletic conferences.

The Big 12 and its member institutions are committed to a competitive environment where sportsmanship and fair play take center stage. Whether on the field, in the classroom, or within the community the student-athletes, administrators, coaches and game officials of the Big 12 support the highest ideals in sportsmanship.

Competitive excellence, scholarships and sportsmanship are all equal components of the Big 12's philosophy. All-Big 12 teams and All-Big 12 Academic squads are recognized for each sport at the end of their respective seasons.

At the end of each academic year, the Conference honors its top male and female student-athletes with the Big 12 Athlete of the Year and Big 12 Sportsperson of the Year awards.

Institutions can also nominate student-athletes for the prestigious Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarships at the end of each academic year. A total of 153 scholars have received more than $845,000 in postgraduate financial aid through the first nine years of the program.

The Big 12 sponsors 21 sports. Men's squads include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, swimming & diving, tennis and wrestling. Women's teams are fielded in basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

The conference is made up of 12 institutions that have shared many traditional rivalries throughout their histories. Member schools include - Baylor University, University of Colorado, Iowa State University, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

The institutions created a league that encompasses seven states, over 42 million people and more than 18 million television households within its geographic footprint.

The conference conducts championships for 20 of its 21 sports. Each championship helps to determine teams and/or individuals that will represent the Conference in national postseason competition. The winner of the Big 12 football championship game earns the league's berth into the prestigious Bowl Championship Series.

The Big 12 is under the direction of its third commissioner, Kevin L. Weiberg, who took over the reigns in December 1998. Weiberg has led the Big 12 into additional football bowl agreements and expanded television opportunities for all sports through contracts with ABC/ESPN, FSN, TBS and CSTV.

In its 10-year history, the conference has distributed $807.2 million to its 12 member institutions.

The Big 12 staff administers to over 4,600 student-athletes in 21 sports. The conference headquarters will move to Irving, Texas, from Dallas in August 2006.

>> Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium – Site of the 2006 Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship Game

2006 SEASON PREVIEW

Fresh off a historic come-from-behind bowl win over South Carolina, Head Coach Gary Pinkel and his Missouri Tigers enter the 2006 season looking to continue the forward push created from the big victory. Enthusiasm is high in the Tiger camp as signs point to the program being in good shape to achieve big things in the future. Mizzou has made two bowl game appearances in the last three seasons, and the win over South Carolina last December was only MU's second bowl win in the last 24 years.

In the previous three years, Pinkel has led the Tigers to a mark of 20-16 overall, nearly an average of seven wins per season. With a team that was picked to finish fourth in the Big 12 North Division in 2005, the Tigers went 7-5 overall and tied for second place (winning all tiebreakers), which equaled the highest finish in the Big 12 in MU history (MU tied for second in 1998). Mizzou was playing for a chance to tie for the North title heading into the regular-season finale, which was no small achievement for a program that has not won a conference title of any kind since 1969.

The 2006 fall camp looks to be one of the most interesting to watch since Pinkel took over at MU prior to the 2001 season. It will mark the first time that Mizzou will take the field without the man who has served as arguably the face of the program for the past four years - record-setting quarterback Brad Smith.

Smith, who set 69 different MU, Big 12 and NCAA game, season and career records in his four storied years as starting quarterback, has graduated (and was a 4th-round draft pick in the NFL Draft by the New York Jets). The most-watched competition during the spring practice period took place at the quarterback position. Talented youngsters Chase Daniel and Chase Patton, along with program veteran Brandon Coleman, competed to earn the right to take the opening snap of the 2006 season, when the Tigers play host to Murray State at Faurot Field, on Sept. 2nd. Daniel excited legions of Tiger fans with his stellar performance in the annual spring game, as he completed 11-of-12 passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns, and he enters the fall holding the top spot on the depth chart.

Until then, there is much work to be done by Pinkel and his staff and players to prepare for what will be a very important season for the program. With two bowl appearances in the previous three years, progress has undoubtedly been made as Pinkel continues to establish the Tigers in the rugged Big 12 Conference. But everyone associated with the program wants even more success - and in order to achieve that, everyone must continue to improve in the off-season.

According to Pinkel, that improvement is the top priority for his team in the spring period. And with 17 players returning who started in the Independence Bowl victory (19 including the placekicker and punter positions), the possibilities are exciting to think about.

"When you have a lot of guys coming back that have played significantly in the past, the key is that every single one of those players has to have their best year and play better," said Pinkel, who has a career record of 102-67-3 in 15 seasons overall. "If they play as good as they did the year before, that means they went backwards. That's our rallying cry right now - you have got to be a better football player. You can't play just as good as you did the year before. That isn't going to be good enough, that means we'll go backwards as a team, and we can't do that," he said.

While it isn't in the DNA of coaches to be satisfied with much of anything, Pinkel has been pleased with the effort and attitude he has seen in the off-season from his Tigers.

"I think obviously there's a real enthusiasm and excitement after finishing the season the way we did," he said. "I think there's a sense of confidence and a sense of hunger that you want more once you get a taste of it, and I think that the way we won the bowl game only helps drive that further," he said, referring to the win which ranked as the biggest comeback win in school history (21 point deficit).

"Our kids have returned with the greatest attitude they've had since we've been here, and rightfully so," said Pinkel. "They deserve to think that way. We know that we've got 17 starters back from the bowl game, and that's the most we've had since we've been here. That's exciting, but there is still a lot of competition that we'll be looking at," he said.

"There's a lot of players that haven't played that now are competing to get into the depth at first or second team, and that's what spring football was all about," Pinkel added. "I think our players are excited. We create a very competitive environment here, every job is open, even if you've been a starter in the past, you go compete," he said.

2006 SQUAD BREAKDOWN

Starters Returning	17
Starters Lost	7
Lettermen Returning	35
Lettermen Lost	20

Offense

Starters Returning	8
Starters Lost	3
Lettermen Returning	18
Lettermen Lost	7

Defense

Starters Returning	7
Starters Lost	4
Lettermen Returning	18
Lettermen Lost	13

Specialists (Kicker/Punter)

Starters Returning	2
Starters Lost	0
Lettermen Returning	1
Lettermen Lost	0

Given that general assessment, here is a position-by-position breakdown for the 2006 season…

THE OFFENSE

On the offensive side of the ball, it's a good-news, bad-news situation - Missouri returns eight starters from a year ago that have proven themselves time and again, but the three starters lost were multi-year stars, including the aforementioned Smith at quarterback, in addition to left guard Tony Palmer (a 7th-round NFL Draft pick by the St. Louis Rams) and wide receiver Sean Coffey (a free agent signee with the NFL's San Diego Chargers).

Despite those losses, the future appears very bright for a Tiger offense that rebounded from a disappointing 2004 season to post a strong 2005 campaign that featured a new-look spread-style attack.

"Offensively, I was real pleased with the changes we made to our system last year," said Pinkel. "It's an exciting way to play and our guys were very receptive to it and picked it up fast. Now, in our second year of running this offense, we're looking for consistency - consistency of production and also to get away from the low-production games. Obviously, we're going to have a different quarterback pulling the trigger, so that will be fun to see how that goes. I feel like we have a lot of play-makers out there," he said.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Lettermen Lost (1 w/12 starts in '05)	Lettermen Returning (5 w/48 starts in '05)
Tony Palmer****(LG-12)	Joel Clinger**(RT-12)
	Mike Cook** (RG-11)
	Tyler Luellen** (LT-12)
	Adam Spieker** (C-12)
	Monte Wyrick* (RG-1)

Prospects are good for the Tigers to have a strong offensive line in 2006, as MU returns four starters from a year ago. The sole loss - left guard Tony Palmer - will certainly be a big one, as Palmer was an all-conference performer and one of the more dominating linemen in recent school history. But despite the loss, the Tigers are still expecting to be better up front.

Leading the charge on the line will be junior center Adam Spieker. Spieker has started 23 consecutive games entering his third season at Mizzou and is coming off a year that saw him earn sophomore All-American honors from College Football News, as well as honorable-mention All-Big 12 status by league coaches. A pre-season candidate for the Rimington Award, Spieker will be joined by junior Tyler Luellen (left tackle) and seniors Joel Clinger (right tackle) and Mike Cook (right guard), to give the Tigers 4-of-5 starters returning up front.

Clinger was named by the Big 12 coaches as honorable-mention all-conference in 2005 in his first year as a starter, while Luellen, who has 15 career starts under his belt, was a 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 performer in 2004. This core group made 48 starts combined in 2005, as the Mizzou offensive attack ended the season ranked 17th nationally in rushing, at 205.25 yards per game.

In line to replace Palmer at left guard is junior letterman Monte Wyrick. Wyrick stands an impressive 6-foot-5 and tips the scales at 320 pounds, and made one start as a sophomore in 2005, giving him the inside track to the starting spot in 2006.

Senior right tackle Louis Pintola (6 games played in 2005), sophomore left guard Ryan Madison (2), sophomore right guard Colin Brown (2) and sophomore right tackle Phinney Troy (1) are the next-most experienced Tiger linemen expected to play a role this season.

Joining that group will be a trio of highly-touted youngsters that enter their redshirt freshman seasons with hopes of cracking the rotation - center James Stigall, right guard Dain Wise and left tackle Kurtis Gregory.

"Very rarely do you get as many guys back as we have now," said Pinkel. "Certainly, we have to replace a great player in Tony Palmer, but we also have some guys that I think have developed some depth. We've got Clinger, Cook, Spieker and Luellen who are proven guys and can get better still. We've got Wyrick and Madison and Wise and Kurtis Gregory all battling there. We've got James Stigall as the backup center right now. We've got Pintola and Colin Brown and Phinney Troy as the perimeter guys on the outside. It's a real good group of young guys. If you look at Dain Wise, Kurtis Gregory and James Stigall, those are three of the finest young players we've recruited and they get to plug in now, which is good," he said.

Tight End

Lettermen Lost (1 w/0 starts in '05)	Lettermen Returning (3 w/13 starts in '05)
Brian Barmann*	Chase Coffman* (1)
	DeQuincy Howard**
	Martin Rucker** (12)

At the position of tight end, one would be hard-pressed to find a school that has a better pair of tight ends in the country than the Missouri Tigers. Junior Martin Rucker and sophomore Chase Coffman combine to give the Tigers arguably the best tight end duo in the nation, and the numbers are certainly there to make such a lofty claim.

Rucker, who has started every one of his 23 career games, built considerably on his freshman All-American season in 2004, as he led the Tigers with 47 catches for 567 yards and one touchdown in 2005. His reception total tied for 1st among Big 12 tight ends, and helped earn him 1st-Team All-Big 12 status by one media outlet.

The other half of MU's dynamic tight end duo is sophomore Chase Coffman, who burst onto the scene as a true freshman in 2005 by catching 47 passes for 503 yards and a team-best four touchdowns. He led the nation's freshmen tight ends in production, belying his youth and inexperience, and parlayed those numbers into being named a 1st-Team Freshman All-American by numerous outlets - giving MU consecutive years with freshman All-American tight ends (Rucker won the same honors in 2004).

Senior DeQuincy Howard might face a tall hurdle in moving past Rucker and Coffman for playing time, but the veteran has plenty of experience to go along with talent, as he's logged 31 career games in his time as a Tiger. Howard has won two letters entering his senior year, and he begins fall camp listed third on the depth chart, one spot ahead of redshirt freshman Jon Gissinger, who will look to make big impressions in his first year of seeing the field at Mizzou.

"Martin Rucker and Chase Coffman, I would suggest, are two of the best tight ends in the country," said Pinkel. "In the offseason, DeQuincy Howard has done a great job and is looking very good and is someone that I expect to have a good fall. I think it's great that DeQuincy is working that hard. Overall, we have some great playmakers at that spot. We did a good job of using this position last year, and we have to continue to find ways to take advantage of these great athletes," he said.

Wide Receiver

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(4 w/9 starts in '05)	(3 w/26 starts in '05)
Arnold Britt* (Z-1)	Brad Ekwerekwu*** (Z-8/X-4)
Sean Coffey**** (X-8)	Will Franklin** (H-11)
Chris Crosby*	Tommy Saunders* (Z-3)
Jerrill Humphrey*	

Like the offense in general, the wide receiver position is loaded with proven veterans, as two of three starters return from 2005, as does a third wideout who made multiple starts a year ago.

Gone from the lineup is the dependable Sean Coffey, who ended his career among MU's alltime top 10 in receptions (118) and receiving yards (1,596). His loss will be a big one for the lineup, but Tiger coaches feel that they have plenty of capable receivers in line to step in.

Leading the way will likely be junior thrillster Will Franklin. The St. Louis native had a breakout year in 2005, as he caught 40 passes for 413 yards and two touchdowns as a sophomore. Franklin will take his considerable athleticism and elusiveness to the X-receiver position in order to try and get downfield more often, after he played mostly at the flanker position (H-receiver) a year ago.

Senior Brad Ekwerekwu returns as Mizzou's most-experienced receiver, with 32 career games played and 24 career starts under his belt. Ekwerekwu will move to the H-receiver slot in 2006, after he played at the Z-receiver position for most of the previous year. Wherever he played, Ekwerekwu had his most productive year to date in 2005, as he caught 32 passes for 282 yards and tied for the team high in receiving touchdowns, with four. He also used his varied talents to throw for one touchdown, and rush for another.

Penciled in as the starter at the third receiver spot (Z), is sophomore Tommy Saunders. The former walk-on from Kearney, Mo. proved to be a nice addition to the squad last season, as he caught 12 passes for 99 yards and a memorable diving touchdown catch to kickstart Mizzou in its big win over Nebraska last October. Saunders, who made three starts in 2005, enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at the Z-receiver spot.

Looking to make contributions after being knocked out by injuries a year ago are veterans Jason Ray and Andrew Hoskins. Ray is a junior who was likely on his way to playing a big role a year ago, but he missed all but one game due to a broken collar bone he suffered in practice after the season-opener against Arkansas State. Ray is healthy heading into the fall, and is listed second on the depth chart at the Z-receiver spot.

Hoskins is a senior who, like Ray, would have likely provided contributions to the Tiger offense a year ago, only to see a shoulder injury, suffered in the pre-season, knock him out for the year. Hoskins has played in 11 career games, and enters fall camp as the No. 2 man at the H-receiver position.

Junior Greg Bracey, who is one of the fastest men on the team, returns to the mix looking for a break out year, after he posted an impressive spring. A blazer with great separation ability, Bracey will be looking to hone his skills to earn more playing time after he saw the field in five games in 2005.

"You look at Will Franklin and how he improved and matured, how Brad Ekwerekwu has gotten it done in the past, and we're expecting Tommy Saunders to improve," said Pinkel. "Greg Bracey had great practices for the bowl game, Jason Ray was injured for the entire year, he'll be back. We expect Hoskins and Bracey to compete with the rest of the guys and give us good depth here," Pinkel said.

Tailback

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(None)	(4 w/12 starts in '05)
	Earl Goldsmith*
	Jimmy Jackson*
	Tony Temple* (2)
	Marcus Woods** (10)

While Missouri has been blessed with numerous talented running backs throughout the years, it is hard to imagine a time when the Tigers had so many talented backs lining the roster all at once. In all, Mizzou returns its top four rushers from the tailback position from 2005, including juniors Marcus Woods and Tony Temple, who between them, rushed for 912 yards and six touchdowns a year ago.

Woods played in 10 games (all starts) in 2005, and was on his way to a very productive season. But various injuries derailed his momentum late in the year, and Woods was forced to miss two of MU's last three games altogether and was able to play only sparingly in the other. Prior to that, the scatback put up 435 yards and three scores, to go along with his 18 receptions out of the backfield for 92 yards and one touchdown. With the injury bug behind him, Woods is healthy heading into fall camp, and looks to establish himself as the starter in 2006.

Temple put up very similar numbers a year ago, as he rushed for 462 yards and three scores of his own, and posted a very nice per-carry average of 5.4 yards per attempt. Temple shared time with Woods all year, and took over as the starter toward the end of the 2005 season, and responded with the first 100-yard game of his career in game No. 10 against Baylor. Temple, who battled nagging injuries of his own last year, sat out the spring practice period after he had arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder in the off-season to clean up an old injury. He is expected to be full strength when fall camp opens in August, and he is listed as co-No. 1 on the depth chart, along with Woods.

Also fighting for playing time at tailback is a pair of sophomores who showed plenty of promise a year ago. Jimmy Jackson rushed for 182 yards in 11 games, and scored two touchdowns, and also caught eight passes out of the backfield for 73 yards. Earl Goldsmith was held back by injuries, but he still showed flashes of ability in his seven games that saw him rush for 37 yards on six carries (a 6.2 average per rush). Jackson and Goldsmith are listed three and four, respectively, on the depth chart entering fall camp.

Next up on the depth chart is a yet-unproven, but very talented redshirt freshman prospect in Connell Davis. At 6-foot-3, 205 pounds, Davis is markedly different in his size and running style than MU's other backs that are smaller in stature. Davis was one of the most impressive freshmen to watch last year each week in practice, and Tiger coaches are quietly confident that he will emerge in 2006 as yet another contributor.

"Tony Temple was out during the spring getting his shoulder fixed, so we had a battle there with everyone else while he sat out," said Pinkel. "I think we're very athletic at this position overall, this has to be a strength of ours. With the loss of a runner like Brad Smith, we will be looking to use our backs more than we have recently, and I think we have the talent to do that We've got Marcus Woods, Jimmy Jackson and Earl Goldsmith who will have great competition there. We've got a redshirt freshman by the name of Connell Davis who has great potential, and he'll get a chance to compete now," said Pinkel.

Quarterback

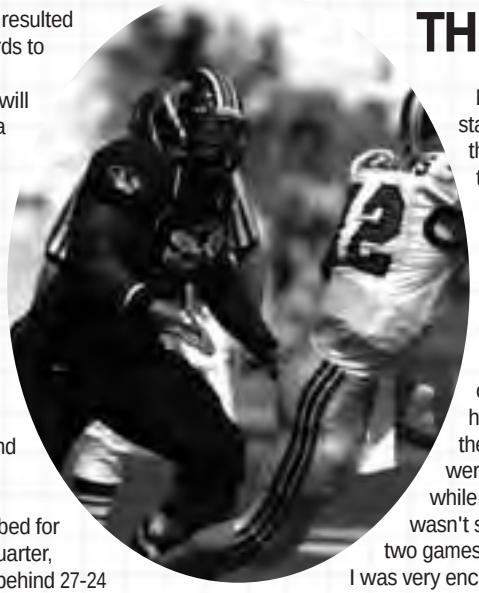
Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(1 w/12 starts in '05)	(1 w/0 starts in '05)
Brad Smith**** (12)	Chase Daniel*

As stated previously, the most-watched battle in the spring was undoubtedly at the quarterback position. How does a program replace someone like a Brad Smith, who started every game under center from

2002-05 - a span of 48 consecutive starts, which resulted in over 13,000 yards of total offense and 69 records to his name?

That is the $64,000 question, indeed, and it will be the charge of Pinkel and his staff to develop a replacement who will keep the Tiger offense running smoothly.

While the task appears daunting on paper, the talent is there to give Tiger fans the hope that Mizzou won't miss a beat offensively in 2006.



The early favorite to take over the reins offensively is sophomore Chase Daniel, who last year, as a true freshman, won the backup job and got some invaluable experience throughout the year. Daniel played 10 games in mostly a reserve role, and threw for 347 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for one score as well. He played hero in a big way in MU's Homecoming win over Iowa State, when he subbed for an injured Brad Smith midway through the 4th quarter, and led the Tigers to an improbable come-from-behind 27-24 overtime win in which he guided MU back from a 10-point deficit. After a strong spring camp, Daniel holds the top spot on the depth chart entering fall ball.

Listed second on the depth chart entering August drills is senior Brandon Coleman. Coleman has played in eight career games, including two in reserve duty last season, and he's going into his last pre-season camp with hopes of challenging for the top spot. Coleman experimented at moving to wide receiver during bowl practices last season, but has decided in the off-season to stick with his aspirations at quarterback after all.

Next up on the depth chart is talented sophomore Chase Patton, who is a local product. An Elite 11 quarterback out of Columbia's Rock Bridge High School, Patton is looking for his first game experience, but he has certainly showed in his two years in the program that he's got the ability to be a high-level performer for his hometown team.

"Chase Daniel certainly did some good things as a freshman a year ago," said Pinkel. "Brandon Coleman decided for now that he's going to stay and compete at quarterback, and also Chase Patton had good bowl practices and I think he's ready to step up his game. I don't know that you can ever completely replace a guy as accomplished as Brad Smith, but I feel good that we're in position with some talented people to be in good shape. I look at this as an opportunity for us to do things a little differently on offense, and we'll see how our guys respond to the challenge," said Pinkel.

THE DEFENSE

Defensively, Missouri officially returns seven starters from a year ago, but when factoring in the starters from the Independence Bowl win, that number jumps to nine. Either way you cut it, plenty of experience is back on defense, and the Tigers expect to be an improved unit from a year ago.

"Overall defensively, I think there's no question when you analyze it, we became a better defensive team over the course of last season," said Pinkel of a defense that returned only three starters from the 2004 season. "We had some problems making plays consistently at the beginning of the season, and looking back, we were pretty inexperienced coming into the year, so while you don't want to go through that, it really wasn't surprising. There were stretches in the last two games, where we didn't finish like we wanted to, but I was very encouraged by how we closed the bowl game defensively, and with everyone we have coming back, I think we can get much better here," he said.

Defensive Line

Lettermen Lost (5 w/3 starts in '05)	Lettermen Returning (9 w/45 starts in '05)
Elgin Childress*	Josh Barbo*
Zach Kauflin*	Steven Blair*
Chad Marshall*	Ziggy Hood*
Earl Stephens* (DT-3)	Xzavie Jackson*** (DE-5)
Scott Wheatley*	DeMarcus Scott*
	Brian Smith*** (DE-12)
	Jamar Smith* (DT-9)
	Stryker Sulak* (DE-7)
	Lorenzo Williams** (DT-12)

Prospects are looking very good up front defensively for Mizzou in 2006, as the Tigers return all four starters on the defensive line, including two players that earned various all-league honors a year ago.

That is in direct contrast to the 2005 season, when the Tigers were faced with the daunting task of replacing three starters on a defensive line from 2004 that was the strength of the team. All three of those starters, tackles Attiyah Ellison and C.J. Mosley and end Zach Ville, ended up on the rosters of NFL teams, creating a huge hole to fill.

Now, with the benefit of having one of the more experienced lines in the Big 12 Conference, Mizzou will look to control things up front with such proven performers as senior ends Brian Smith and Xzavie Jackson, sophomore end Stryker Sulak, senior noseguard Jamar Smith and junior tackle Lorenzo Williams.

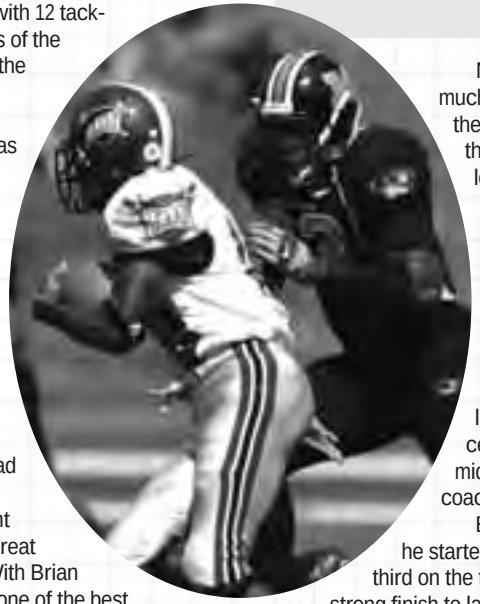
Brian Smith returns for his senior season already holding the school career quarterback sacks record, with 24. "Smitty" will look to wreak havoc once again in his last go-around in a Tiger uniform, hoping to increase his sack total from nine a year ago. He also led the squad with 17 tackles for loss and was a 1st-Team All-Big 12 selection by numerous outlets after turning in a career year in 2005.

On the other side of the line, the Tigers have the benefit of returning two players that have significant starting experience, in Sulak and Jackson. Sulak was a 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 honoree in 2005 after he led Tiger freshmen with 38 tackles, and added four quarterback sacks and three forced fumbles. Sulak took over the starting role midway through his redshirt freshman season, and started the final seven games of the 2005 campaign. The man that he took over for, Jackson, is a proven performer who still had a productive season in '05 as he amassed 44 tackles, including 11 tackles for loss and six quarterback sacks. Jackson started the first five games of the season before giving way to Sulak. Jackson heads into August drills holding down the top spot on the depth chart, but expect Sulak to earn plenty of playing time come fall.

Looking to work their way into the rotation at end is a pair of talented athletes, in senior DeMarcus Scott and redshirt freshman Tarrell Corby. Scott lettered in 2005, as he saw action in seven games (playing both on the edge as well as inside). Scott had 23 tackles as a first-year junior college player last year, and after playing mostly inside during the spring, he enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth at one end position. One spot behind is Corby, who is a highly-regarded prospect from the Kansas City area. Corby redshirted in 2005, and was very impressive to those who watched him in practice all season.

Plugging up the middle will be returning starters Lorenzo Williams and Jamar Smith. Williams moved inside to tackle for the first time in 2005, and gave the Tigers good production, as he had 9.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 quarterback sacks, in addition to forcing three fumbles, recovering two fumbles and adding two blocked kicks. The winner of the team's outstanding underclassman leadership award, Williams started all 12 games at tackle a year ago, and enters fall camp holding the top spot down again.

Smith debuted as a Tiger in 2005, after transferring from junior college, and after taking awhile to get his bearings, he developed into a very productive player at noseguard for MU. Smith had 45 tackles as a junior, and ranked third on the team with 12 tackles for loss, as he started the final nine games of the season there. The Miami, Fla., native is atop the depth chart at that spot heading into the fall.



Sophomore Evander "Ziggy" Hood beat the odds and earned significant playing time as a true freshman last season, as he played in all 12 games despite his youthfulness. Hood contributed to the cause with 23 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks, and he enters fall camp looking to challenge for even more playing time in 2006. He is listed second on the depth at the tackle position.

Backing up Smith at noseguard is redshirt freshman Jaron Baston. Baston is yet another promising in-state talent from the Kansas City area that has a bright future ahead of him.

"We have our whole defensive front attack returning, and we have some great players there," said Pinkel. "With Brian Smith, we feel like he's one of the best in the Big 12, and on the other side, we've got Stryker Sulak and Xzavie Jackson. Sulak had a great freshman year, and Xzavie really played well in the bowl game and he's certainly been a high-level player over the last few years. We look at all three of those guys as starters," he said.

"We're also excited about Josh Barbo and Tarrell Corby as guys that can get into the depth and compete," Pinkel said. "Lorenzo Williams had a great first year inside, and Jamar Smith, once he got things figured out, he did a great job. DeMarcus Scott, last year he played end mostly, and Ziggy Hood got a ton of experience last year, and he'll just continue to get better. We've got Jaron Baston who we expect to come in and compete here too," said Pinkel.

Linebackers

Lettermen Lost (2 w/12 starts in '05)	Lettermen Returning (4 w/20 starts in '05)
Derrick Ming**** (WLB-12)	Van Alexander*
Andrew Topps*	Marcus Bacon*** (SLB-8)
	Brock Christopher*
	Dedrick Harrington*** (MLB-12)

Much like the defensive line, Mizzou returns much more experience than the previous year at the linebacker position. The Tigers return two of three starters here in 2006, as well as two other letterwinners who gained experience a year ago. That contrasts to the 2005 season, when MU had no full-time starters returning to the mix.

Leading the linebacking corps will be a pair of senior playmakers in Dedrick Harrington and Marcus Bacon. Harrington is coming off a career-best season that saw him make 73 tackles in 2005, and he added 12.5 tackles for loss to rank second on the team in that category. The team's linebacker of the year in '05, Harrington patrols the center of the field and is listed atop the depth at the middle linebacker spot heading into the fall. Tiger coaches are expecting great things from him in 2006.

Bacon enjoyed a breakout season as a junior, as he started eight games at strongside linebacker and ranked third on the team with 85 tackles. He's looking to build on a strong finish to last season, as he recorded a team-best 11 tackles in the Tigers' Independence Bowl win over South Carolina. Bacon is a hard hitter who can cover a lot of field, and he will likely play several different spots during the course of the season. He enters fall drills first on the depth at strongside linebacker.

A pair of sophomore letterwinners return from a year ago, in Van Alexander and Brock Christopher. Alexander played in all 12 games and made 20 tackles between special teams and linebacker. He will have the first crack at winning the weakside linebacker starting job vacated by 2005 starter Derrick Ming, as Alexander is listed No. 1 on the depth chart entering fall drills. Christopher played in 11 games last year as a true freshman, as MU's depth at linebacker was in need of help. He had an outstanding year, as he contributed with 31 tackles, one interception and one forced fumble. He ended the year on a high note, as he recorded a career-best six tackles in the bowl victory, filling in for an injured Harrington, who missed the second half with a broken arm. Christopher is listed second on the depth at middle linebacker heading into the fall. Other Tigers looking to challenge for playing time at linebacker include sophomore Steve Redmond, who played in six games last year as a redshirt freshman, and Chad Washington, who redshirted in 2005. Washington, the younger brother of former Tiger Calvin Washington, is making the move to linebacker after practicing as a defensive back in his first year in the program. Redmond and Washington are listed second each on the depth at the strongside and weakside positions, respectively, entering fall camp.

"Derrick Ming had a huge impact on this team a year ago, and we'll have to replace his leadership both on the field and in the lockerroom," said Pinkel. "Dedrick Harrington had an exceptional year last year, and we expect great things of him. It took awhile for him to make the transition from safety to linebacker, and that's not unusual, but we have a high expectation level for him this year as a senior. Marcus Bacon will also play inside, but he's also lined up at the sam linebacker over the tight end. He had a good year a year ago," he said.

"Van Alexander and Brock Christopher are guys we're looking to this year to really step up," said Pinkel. "Van has great talent and Brock really stepped up late in the year last year as a true freshman - especially in the bowl game when he stepped in for Harrington when he got knocked out of the game. He really went in and rose to the occasion, and I think you could see the things that he's capable of. Steve Redmond didn't get to play a lot last year as a redshirt freshman, but he got some experience in the kicking game. We expect him to improve also. Chad Washington was a safety who we moved to linebacker, and we'll see how he matures, but he's a physical guy who can run and has great strength, so I think that will be a good position for him," said Pinkel.

Cornerbacks

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(3 w/19 starts in '05)	(2 w/2 starts in '05)
A.J. Kincade**** (12)	Domonique Johnson* (2)
Marcus King**** (7)	Darnell Terrell*
Calvin Washington****	

Unfortunately, the Tiger defense doesn't have the luxury of returning starters at every single position, and the one hit the hardest by graduation is the cornerback group. Veterans such as Marcus King (the defensive MVP of the Independence Bowl), A.J. Kincade and Calvin Washington have matriculated through the program after five solid years, leaving the Tigers with an athletic, but relatively unproven group to defend the pass.

Sophomore Domonique Johnson has the most experience of everyone returning this year, as he played in all 12 games a year ago as a redshirt freshman, starting two of them - including the bowl victory. Johnson recorded 35 tackles and broke up two passes in 2005, and holds down the top spot on the depth at one corner position heading into the fall. He is backed up on the depth chart by redshirt freshman Hardy Ricks, a talented St. Louis-area player who will be looking for his first playing experience as a Tiger.

At the other corner position, junior Darnell Terrell leads the pack heading into fall ball. Terrell was a junior college transfer who played in all 12 games a year ago in his first year in the program. After the typical adjustment period wore off, he began to see the field much more as the 2005 season progressed, and he nabbed two interceptions in the final half of the season - including the game-clinching pickoff to seal MU's bowl victory.

Behind Terrell on the depth chart at the other corner spot is sophomore Trenile Washington, who played in two games a year ago as a redshirt freshman.

"We've lost three guys in Calvin Washington, A.J. Kincade and Marcus King who had been in our program for a long time," said Pinkel. "But we feel very good about guys like Darnell Terrell and Domonique Johnson. Those guys athletically, are as fine of athletes that we've had here at the position, and that includes a guy like Michael Harden, who played last year for the Seahawks. They have worked very hard. For Darnell, it took him a little while to get going because he came in as a junior college player who wasn't here in the spring. Domonique is just continuing to mature, and now the consistency of play is what we're looking for from both of them," he said.

"Trenile Washington is a young player that has great speed, and we're looking for him to contribute more this year. Hardy Ricks, there were a lot of good players in that freshman class of his, but there's no question about it, he's a guy that has great potential," Pinkel said.

Safeties

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(3 w/11 starts in '05)	(3 w/17 starts in '05)
Justin Scott****	Brandon Massey** (FS-3)
Jason Simpson**** (FS-11)	William Moore* (FS-2)
Quincy Wade****	David Overstreet*** (SS-12)

Mizzou returns half of its starting safeties from a year ago, as All-Big 12 candidate David Overstreet is back for his senior campaign. His previous running mate at the other safety position, Jason Simpson, has exhausted his eligibility, creating an opening for several returnees to take advantage of.

Overstreet will stay at the strong safety position, after toying with moving to free safety during the spring. Overstreet led the team in tackles at strong safety in 2005, with a career-best 100 stops as he was named to various All-Big 12 teams, including the 1st-Team by one media outlet. He enters fall camp atop the depth chart there, where he'll be backed up by senior Brandon Massey and sophomore Mack Breed primarily.

A two-year letterwinner, Massey played in all 12 games a year ago, and he started three of MU's first five games as the Tigers opened with a nickel package. Massey had 20 tackles overall on the year, but he played very well in the bowl game victory, as he had four stops on the day in relief of William Moore, who went down with a broken foot in the first quarter of the game.

Listed third on the depth at strong safety is Mack Breed. Breed, a converted quarterback who practiced at safety for the first time in 2005, is an athletic prospect who has the physical nature to follow in the line of Overstreet, who himself is a converted signal caller. Breed is expected to be at full speed for the fall after having had surgery late last year to repair an injured knee.

Holding down the starting spot at free safety heading into fall camp is one of the best overall athletes on the team, sophomore William Moore.

Moore gained significant experience at free safety as a redshirt freshman in 2005, as he played in nine games, and made two starts, including MU's bowl game against South Carolina. Moore racked up 30 tackles in mostly reserve duty, but he showed a penchant for making big plays, as he displayed against Iowa State, when he intercepted an errant out route and raced 62 yards for a touchdown on the game's opening possession. He also had an interception return for a TD of 45 yards in Mizzou's Black & Gold Game this past spring.

Another potential contributor could be junior college transfer Paul Simpson, who joined the team for spring practices. Simpson got his feet wet with the Tiger program during spring camp, and after being considered at either safety or cornerback, he's settled into a free safety role for now, where he is listed No. 2 on the depth chart heading into fall camp.

"At safety, we've got William Moore, David Overstreet and Brandon Massey who have experience, so we feel good here," said Pinkel. "Brandon Massey really played well in the bowl game when William Moore went down. We're going to count on those three guys. We've got Paul Simpson, he's a junior college player that was here during the spring and did some good things, and he has two years to play too. We also are looking at a guy like Mack Breed who is a good athlete," he said.

Kickers

Lettermen Lost
(None)

Lettermen Returning
(2 w/22 starts in '05)
Adam Crossett (PK-12)**
Adam Crossett (P-10)**

The Tiger kicking game, for the better part of the last two seasons has centered around the strong leg of Adam Crossett, and he's back for yet another season, as the junior-to-be looks to handle all of Mizzou's placekicking, punting and kickoff duties once more.

Crossett had an outstanding sophomore campaign, as he set the MU single-season scoring record for kickers, with 81 points in 2005. He made 70 percent of his field goals (14-of-20), and broke an MU bowl game record when he drilled a 50-yarder midway through the fourth quarter against South Carolina to give the Tigers their first lead of the day. He also broke an MU bowl game record and an Independence Bowl record when he averaged 45.8 yards on five punts. For the year, he averaged a solid 42.7 yards punting on 57 tries. He also converted 39-of-42 extra point kicks for good measure, and the Liberty, Mo., native enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at both placekicker and punter.

Senior Matt Hoenes is listed as the No. 2 man on the depth chart at punter. He started the first two games of the 2005 season, before he gave way to Crossett for the remainder of the year. Hoenes has the leg to be a potential contributor, and is the only other Tiger kicker outside of Crossett to have game experience at this spot.

In addition to several walk-on athletes who will be competing for the placekicking and punting jobs, scholarship kicker Matt Casaday will work to factor into the mix as well. Casaday was a highly-regarded prep kicker out of the state of Texas who was able to take a redshirt in 2005. He's listed third on the depth chart at punter heading into fall camp, but is expected to help provide good competition here.

"Adam Crossett had some inconsistency last year, but certainly we were pleased not only with him as a kicker but as a punter too," said Pinkel. "He did exceptionally well last year as a punter. The consistency at kicking for him, it's not really the long kick or the tough one that you don't expect, it was the shorter kick, which I think he's capable of being a very consistent kicker with great leg strength, and that's the next step for him. The good news about him, is he's only going to be a junior. Punting-wise, he did a really good job overall, I know that he broke a record in the bowl game for his punting average. Any problems we had in our punting game last year were break downs in protection by young guys, they weren't Adam's problem," he said.

"Matt Casaday, we're going to look at him a little bit more, along with some other guys. Also at punter, we've got Matt Hoenes, who is a veteran guy who has great leg strength. I want to see him get after it and see what happens," Pinkel said.

RETURNING STARTERS UNDER GARY PINKEL

Season	Off.	Def.	PK/P	Total
2001	6	6	2	14
2002	6	7	1	14
2003	9	6	2	17
2004	4	9	1	14
2005	6	3	1	10
2006	8	7	2	17

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
5	Van Alexander*	LB	6-0	235	So.	Columbia, MO (Rock Bridge)
15	Marcus Bacon***	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Houston, TX (Cypress Springs)
47	Josh Barbo*	DL	6-5	280	Jr.	Conway Springs, KS
29	Dan Barnes	TE	6-3	225	RSFr.	Marshall, MO (Hughesville Northwest)
96	Jaron Baston	DL	6-1	290	RSFr.	Blue Springs, MO
95	Steven Blair*	DL	6-3	230	Jr.	Godfrey, IL (Marquette Catholic)
58	Gordon Bowen	OL	6-2	290	RSFr.	Memphis, TN (Germantown)
85	Greg Bracey	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
24	Mack Breed	S	6-1	205	So.	San Antonio, TX (John Jay)
61	Colin Brown	OL	6-8	315	So.	Braymer, MO
4	Travis Cardoza	S	5-11	200	Jr.	Springfield, MO (Rogersville)
14	Matt Casaday	P/K	5-11	185	RSFr.	Plano, TX (West)
28	Adam Casey	WR	6-1	195	So.	Chesterfield, MO (Parkway West)
35	Brock Christopher*	LB	6-2	240	So.	Kearney, MO
74	Joel Clinger**	OL	6-6	310	Sr.	Warrenton, MO (Warren Co. R-III)
45	Chase Coffman*	TE	6-6	235	So.	Peculiar, MO (Raymore-Peculiar)
11	Brandon Coleman	QB	6-3	215	Sr.	Miami, FL (North Miami)
55	Mike Cook*	OL	6-3	315	Sr.	Friendswood, TX (Clear Brook)
97	Tarrell Corby	DL	6-3	230	RSFr.	Kansas City, MO (North)
90	Adam Crossett**	P/K	6-3	230	Jr.	Liberty, MO
20	Brandon Crouch	S	5-9	180	RSFr.	Springfield, IL (Sacred Heart Griffin)
10	Chase Daniel*	QB	6-1	220	So.	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
2	Connell Davis	TB	6-3	205	RSFr.	Portland, TX (Gregory-Portland)
15	Kevin Duncan	S	5-10	200	So.	O'Fallon, IL (Township)
86	Brad Ekwerekwu***	WR	6-4	215	Sr.	Arlington, TX
41	Spencer Evans	DB	5-11	185	RSFr.	Bel-Air, TX (Episcopal)
3	William Franklin**	WR	6-1	210	Jr.	St. Louis, MO (Vashon)
41	Chris Gares	WR	5-9	195	RSFr.	Hartsburg, MO (Southern Boone)
43	Jon Gissinger	TE	6-2	230	RSFr.	San Diego, CA (Poway)
7	Earl Goldsmith*	TB	5-8	205	So.	Denton, TX (Ryan)
78	Kurtis Gregory	OL	6-5	305	RSFr.	Blackburn, MO (Santa Fe)
33	Dedrick Harrington***	LB	6-3	245	Sr.	Mexico, MO
10	Matt Hoenes	P	6-1	200	Sr.	Branson, MO
94	Evander Hood*	DL	6-3	285	So.	Amarillo, TX (Palo Duro)
35	Andrew Hoskins*	WR	6-3	215	Sr.	Plattsburg, MO
89	DeQuincy Howard**	TE	6-4	250	Sr.	Tyler, TX
32	Austin Huff	TB	5-8	185	RSFr.	Brentwood, TN
1	Jimmy Jackson*	TB	5-8	200	So.	Caruthersville, MO
48	Xzavie Jackson***	DL	6-4	275	Sr.	Vacaville, CA (Wichita [Kan.] Heights)
22	Alex Joannes	S	6-3	200	RSFr.	Blair Oaks, MO
2	Domonique Johnson*	DB	6-2	190	So.	Texas City, TX (LaMarque)
73	David Lazaroff	OL	6-0	285	Jr.	Chesterfield, MO (Chaminade)
79	Tyler Luellen**	OL	6-7	300	Jr.	Bethany, MO (South Harrison)
76	Ryan Madison	OL	6-5	300	So.	Bethany, MO (South Harrison)
19	Brandon Massey**	S	6-1	200	Sr.	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East/Mich. St.)
26	Blake May	WR	5-11	185	RSFr.	Kansas City, MO (Rockhurst)
66	Chris McCarthy	OL	6-4	305	RSFr.	Camdenton, MO
90	Brent McCauley	LB	5-9	230	RSFr.	Savannah, MO
31	Darren Meade	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	Champaign, IL (Centennial)
65	Zach Milligan	DL	6-1	215	Fr.	Hardin, MO (Central)
21	William Moore*	S	6-1	215	So.	Hayti, MO
29	Sherman Newsome	DB	5-10	170	RSFr.	New Madrid, MO
87	Lucas Null	WR	6-0	185	So.	Crystal City, MO (St. Pius X)
25	Aaron O'Neal	LB	6-3	220	So.	Creve Coeur, MO (Parkway South)

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Jimmy Jackson*	TB
2	Connell Davis	TB
2	Domonique Johnson*	DB
3	William Franklin**	WR
3	Darnell Terrell*	DB
4	Travis Cardoza	S
4	Jason Ray*	WR
5	Van Alexander*	LB
6	Paul Simpson	DB
7	Earl Goldsmith*	TB
7	Chad Washington	LB
8	David Overstreet***	S
9	Trenile Washington	DB
10	Chase Daniel*	QB
10	Matt Hoenes	P
11	Brandon Coleman	QB
14	Matt Casaday	P/K
14	Chase Patton	QB
15	Marcus Bacon***	LB
15	Kevin Duncan	S
18	Steve Redmond	LB
19	Brandon Massey**	S
20	Brandon Crouch	S
20	Marcus Woods**	TB
21	William Moore*	S
22	Alex Joannes	S
22	Tony Temple*	TB
24	Mack Breed	S
24	Jeffrey Waldman	TB
25	Aaron O'Neal	LB
26	Blake May	WR
26	Erik Rudin	DB
28	Adam Casey	WR
28	Hardy Ricks	DB
29	Dan Barnes	TE
29	Sherman Newsome	DB
31	Darren Meade	DB
32	Austin Huff	TB
33	Dedrick Harrington***	LB
35	Brock Christopher*	LB
35	Andrew Hoskins*	WR
38	Stryker Sulak*	DL
39	Brian Smith***	DL
41	Chris Gares	WR
41	Spencer Evans	DB
41	John Ruth	LB
43	Jon Gissinger	TE
45	Chase Coffman*	TE
46	Danny Rellergert	P
47	Josh Barbo*	DL
48	Xzavie Jackson***	DL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
8	David Overstreet***	S	6-0	210	Sr.	Dallas, TX (W.W. Samuel)
14	Chase Patton	QB	6-5	220	So.	Columbia, MO (Rock Bridge)
56	Nick Patton	LB	6-0	225	RSFr.	Effingham, IL
67	Louis Pintola	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA (Santa Fe/Pasadena CC)
4	Jason Ray*	WR	6-1	215	Jr.	Porter, OK (Broken Arrow)
18	Steve Redmond	LB	6-0	235	So.	Kansas City, MO (Rockhurst)
46	Danny Rellergert	P	6-1	200	RSFr.	Perryville, MO (St. Vincent DePaul)
28	Hardy Ricks	DB	5-11	195	RSFr.	St. Louis, MO (Brentwood)
75	Kyle Riggs	OL	6-6	300	So.	Festus, MO
48	Brandon Rooks	WR	5-11	195	RSFr.	St. Louis, MO (Parkway Central)
82	Martin Rucker**	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	St. Joseph, MO (Benton)
26	Erik Rudin	DB	5-8	170	RSFr.	St. Louis, MO(Parkway Central)
41	John Ruth	LB	5-10	225	So.	Jefferson City, MO
84	Tommy Saunders*	WR	6-0	205	So.	Kearney, MO
64	Joe Schumacher	LB	5-11	235	RSFr.	Columbia, MO (Hickman)
58	DeMarcus Scott*	DL	6-1	290	Sr.	Greenville, MS (Weston/Miss. Delta CC)
6	Paul Simpson	DB	6-2	185	Jr.	Oakland, CA (San Leandro/Chabot CC)
39	Brian Smith***	DL	6-4	230	Sr.	Denton, TX (Ryan)
92	Jamar Smith*	DL	6-1	290	Sr.	Miami, FL (Southridge/NE Oklahoma A&M)
81	Christopher Sobota	DL	6-2	245	So.	St. Louis, MO (Priory)
77	Adam Spieker**	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	Webb City, MO
51	James Stigall	OL	6-3	305	RSFr.	Blue Springs, MO
38	Stryker Sulak*	DL	6-5	245	So.	Rockdale, TX
95	Trace Teas	K	6-1	205	Jr.	Springfield, MO (Kickapoo)
22	Tony Temple*	TB	5-9	190	Jr.	Kansas City, MO (Rockhurst)
3	Darnell Terrell*	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	St. Louis, MO (Eureka/Coffeyville CC)
54	Chris Tipton	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Bowling Green, MO
72	Phinney Troy	OL	6-5	290	So.	St. Louis, MO (University HS)
24	Jeffrey Waldman	TB	5-11	205	RSFr.	St. Louis, MO (Clayton)
7	Chad Washington	LB	6-0	215	RSFr.	Lancaster, TX
9	Trenile Washington	DB	5-11	185	So.	Marietta, OK
99	Lorenzo Williams**	DL	6-1	290	Jr.	Midwest City, OK
68	Dain Wise	OL	6-5	290	RSFr.	Midwest City, OK (Carl Albert)
99	Jeff Wolfert	PK	6-2	190	So.	Overland Park, KS (Blue Valley West)
20	Marcus Woods**	TB	5-8	195	Jr.	Farmington Hills, MI (Harrison)
71	Monte Wyrick*	OL	6-5	320	Jr.	Texarkana, AK (Arkansas HS)
57	Zach Zellmer	OL	6-3	275	RSFr.	Belleville, IL (East)

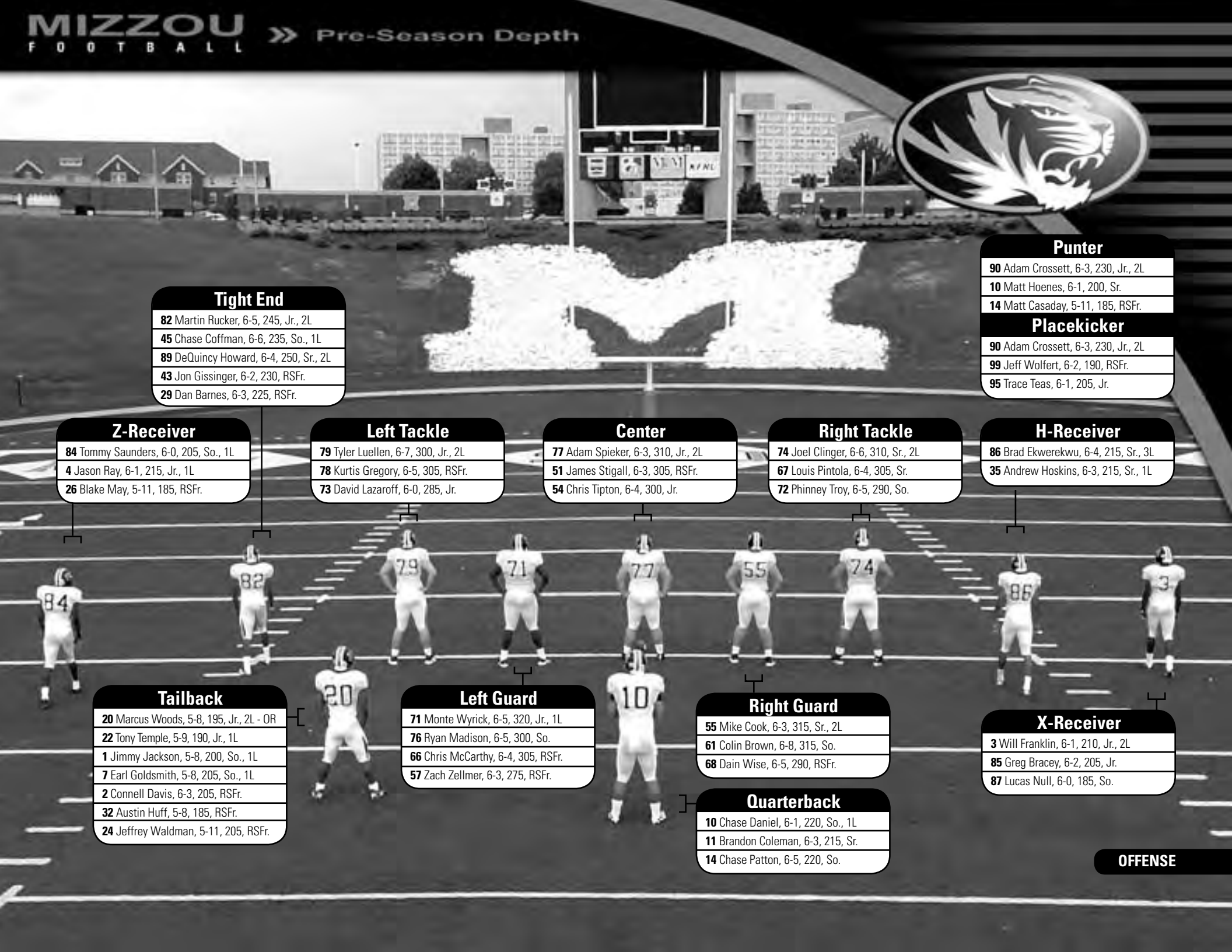
*indicates letters received

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
48	Brandon Rooks	WR
51	James Stigall	OL
54	Chris Tipton	OL
55	Mike Cook*	OL
56	Nick Patton	LB
57	Zach Zellmer	OL
58	DeMarcus Scott*	DL
58	Gordon Bowen	OL
61	Colin Brown	OL
64	Joe Schumacher	LB
65	Zach Milligan	DL
66	Chris McCarthy	OL
67	Louis Pintola	OL
68	Dain Wise	OL
71	Monte Wyrick*	OL
72	Phinney Troy	OL
73	David Lazaroff	OL
74	Joel Clinger**	OL
75	Kyle Riggs	OL
76	Ryan Madison	OL
77	Adam Spieker**	OL
78	Kurtis Gregory	OL
79	Tyler Luellen**	OL
81	Christopher Sobota	DL
82	Martin Rucker**	TE
84	Tommy Saunders*	WR
85	Greg Bracey	WR
86	Brad Ekwerekwu***	WR
87	Lucas Null	WR
89	DeQuincy Howard**	TE
90	Adam Crossett**	P/K
90	Brent McCauley	LB
92	Jamar Smith*	DL
94	Evander Hood*	DL
95	Steven Blair*	DL
95	Trace Teas	K
96	Jaron Baston	DL
97	Tarrell Corby	DL
99	Lorenzo Williams**	DL
99	Jeff Wolfert	PK

MIZZOU FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

• Gary Pinkel - Head Coach • Dave Christensen - Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line • Matt Eberflus - Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
• Cornell Ford - Cornerbacks • Andy Hill - Wide Receivers • Brian Jones - Running Backs • Craig Kuligowski - Defensive Line • Dave Steckel - Linebackers • Bruce Walker - Tight Ends/Assistant Offensive Line
• David Yost - Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator • Mark Alnutt - Assistant Athletic Director/Director of Football Operations • Barry Odom - Director of Football Recruiting
• Nick Otterbacker - Offensive Graduate Assistant • Kent McCullough - Defensive Graduate Assistant • Matt Torres - Administrative Graduate Assistant



Tight End

82	Martin Rucker, 6-5, 245, Jr., 2L
45	Chase Coffman, 6-6, 235, So., 1L
89	DeQuincy Howard, 6-4, 250, Sr., 2L
43	Jon Gissinger, 6-2, 230, RSFr.
29	Dan Barnes, 6-3, 225, RSFr.

Punter

90	Adam Crossett, 6-3, 230, Jr., 2L
10	Matt Hoenes, 6-1, 200, Sr.
14	Matt Casaday, 5-11, 185, RSFr.

Placekicker

90	Adam Crossett, 6-3, 230, Jr., 2L
99	Jeff Wolfert, 6-2, 190, RSFr.
95	Trace Teas, 6-1, 205, Jr.

Z-Receiver

84	Tommy Saunders, 6-0, 205, So., 1L
4	Jason Ray, 6-1, 215, Jr., 1L
26	Blake May, 5-11, 185, RSFr.

Left Tackle

79	Tyler Luellen, 6-7, 300, Jr., 2L
78	Kurtis Gregory, 6-5, 305, RSFr.
73	David Lazaroff, 6-0, 285, Jr.

Center

77	Adam Spieker, 6-3, 310, Jr., 2L
51	James Stigall, 6-3, 305, RSFr.
54	Chris Tipton, 6-4, 300, Jr.

Right Tackle

74	Joel Clinger, 6-6, 310, Sr., 2L
67	Louis Pintola, 6-4, 305, Sr.
72	Phinney Troy, 6-5, 290, So.

H-Receiver

86	Brad Ekwerekwu, 6-4, 215, Sr., 3L
35	Andrew Hoskins, 6-3, 215, Sr., 1L

Tailback

20	Marcus Woods, 5-8, 195, Jr., 2L - OR
22	Tony Temple, 5-9, 190, Jr., 1L
1	Jimmy Jackson, 5-8, 200, So., 1L
7	Earl Goldsmith, 5-8, 205, So., 1L
2	Connell Davis, 6-3, 205, RSFr.
32	Austin Huff, 5-8, 185, RSFr.
24	Jeffrey Waldman, 5-11, 205, RSFr.

Left Guard

71	Monte Wyrick, 6-5, 320, Jr., 1L
76	Ryan Madison, 6-5, 300, So.
66	Chris McCarthy, 6-4, 305, RSFr.
57	Zach Zellmer, 6-3, 275, RSFr.

Right Guard

55	Mike Cook, 6-3, 315, Sr., 2L
61	Colin Brown, 6-8, 315, So.
68	Dain Wise, 6-5, 290, RSFr.

Quarterback

10	Chase Daniel, 6-1, 220, So., 1L
11	Brandon Coleman, 6-3, 215, Sr.
14	Chase Patton, 6-5, 220, So.

X-Receiver

3	Will Franklin, 6-1, 210, Jr., 2L
85	Greg Bracey, 6-2, 205, Jr.
87	Lucas Null, 6-0, 185, So.

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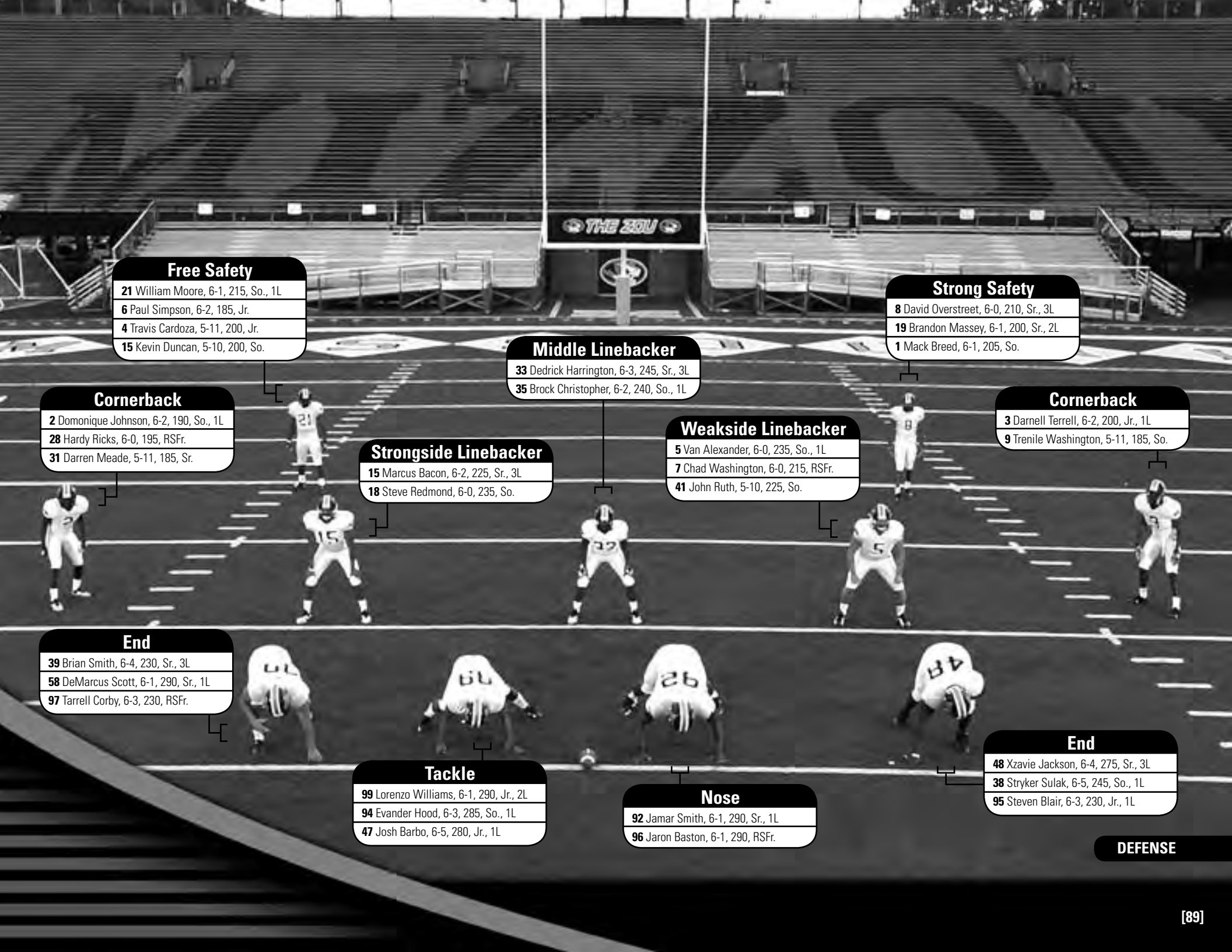


Free Safety
- **21** William Moore, 6-1, 215, So., 1L
- **6** Paul Simpson, 6-2, 185, Jr.
- **4** Travis Cardoza, 5-11, 200, Jr.
- **15** Kevin Duncan, 5-10, 200, So.

Middle Linebacker
- **33** Dedrick Harrington, 6-3, 245, Sr., 3L
- **35** Brock Christopher, 6-2, 240, So., 1L

Strong Safety
- **8** David Overstreet, 6-0, 210, Sr., 3L
- **19** Brandon Massey, 6-1, 200, Sr., 2L
- **1** Mack Breed, 6-1, 205, So.

Cornerback
- **2** Domonique Johnson, 6-2, 190, So., 1L
- **28** Hardy Ricks, 6-0, 195, RSFr.
- **31** Darren Meade, 5-11, 185, Sr.

Strongside Linebacker
- **15** Marcus Bacon, 6-2, 225, Sr., 3L
- **18** Steve Redmond, 6-0, 235, So.

Weakside Linebacker
- **5** Van Alexander, 6-0, 235, So., 1L
- **7** Chad Washington, 6-0, 215, RSFr.
- **41** John Ruth, 5-10, 225, So.

Cornerback
- **3** Darnell Terrell, 6-2, 200, Jr., 1L
- **9** Trenile Washington, 5-11, 185, So.

End
- **39** Brian Smith, 6-4, 230, Sr., 3L
- **58** DeMarcus Scott, 6-1, 290, Sr., 1L
- **97** Tarrell Corby, 6-3, 230, RSFr.

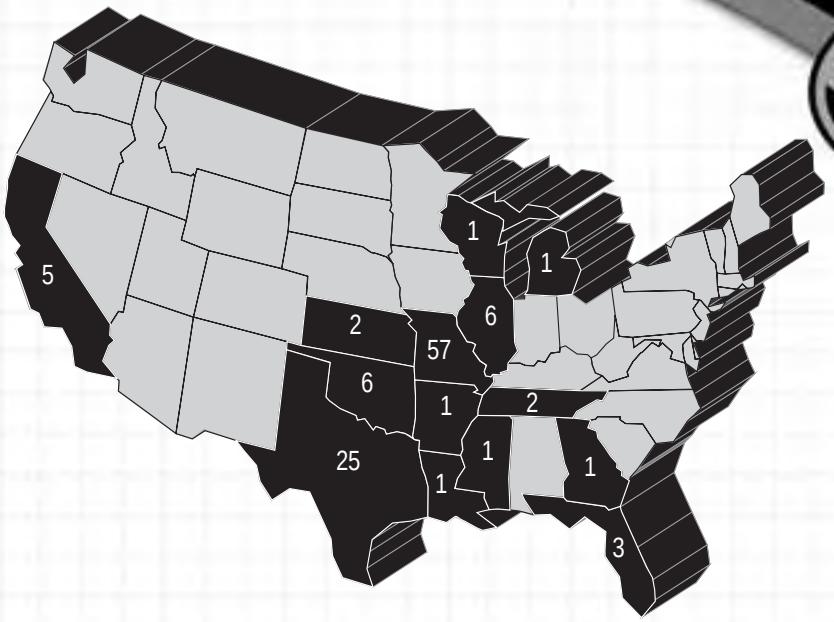
Tackle
- **99** Lorenzo Williams, 6-1, 290, Jr., 2L
- **94** Evander Hood, 6-3, 285, So., 1L
- **47** Josh Barbo, 6-5, 280, Jr., 1L

Nose
- **92** Jamar Smith, 6-1, 290, Sr., 1L
- **96** Jaron Baston, 6-1, 290, RSFr.

End
- **48** Xzavie Jackson, 6-4, 275, Sr., 3L
- **38** Stryker Sulak, 6-5, 245, So., 1L
- **95** Steven Blair, 6-3, 230, Jr., 1L

DEFENSE

GEOGRAPHIC ROSTER



ARKANSAS (1)
Monte Wyrick – Texarkana

CALIFORNIA (5)
Castine Bridges - Richmond • Jon Gissinger – San Diego
Xzavie Jackson – Vacaville • Louis Pintola – Los Angeles
Paul Simpson - Oakland

FLORIDA (3)
Brandon Coleman – Miami • Dominic Grooms - Tampa
Jamar Smith – Miami

GEORGIA (1)
Cornelius Brown - Adel

ILLINOIS (6)
Steven Blair - Godfrey • Brandon Crouch - Springfield
Kevin Duncan - O'Fallon • Darren Meade - Champaign
Nick Patton - Effingham • Zach Zellmer - Belleville

KANSAS (2)
Josh Barbo – Conway Springs • Jeff Wolfert - Overland Park

LOUISIANA (1)
Tremane Vaughns - Patterson

MICHIGAN (1)
Marcus Woods – Farmington Hills

MISSISSIPPI (1)
DeMarcus Scott – Greenville

MISSOURI (57)
Van Alexander - Columbia • Dan Barnes - Marshall • Tim Barnes - Marshall
Jaron Baston - Blue Springs • Colin Brown - Braymer
Justin Brown - Blue Springs • Travis Cardoza - Springfield
Adam Casey - Chesterfield • Brock Christopher - Kearney
Joel Clinger - Warrenton • Chase Coffman - Peculiar
Tarrell Corby - Kansas City • Bart Coslet - St. Peters
Adam Crossett - Liberty • William Franklin - St. Louis • Chris Gares - Hartsburg
Kurtis Gregory - Blackburn • Dedrick Harrington - Mexico
Matt Hoenes - Branson • Andrew Hoskins - Plattsburg
Jimmy Jackson - Caruthersville • Alex Joannes - Blair Oaks
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Sherman Newsome - New Madrid • Lucas Null - Crystal City
Aaron O'Neal - Creve Coeur • Chase Patton - Columbia
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Hardy Ricks - St. Louis • Kyle Riggs - Festus • Brandon Rooks - St. Louis
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Tony Temple - Kansas City • Darnell Terrell - St. Louis
Chris Tipton - Bowling Green • Phinney Troy - St. Louis
Jeffrey Waldman - St. Louis

OKLAHOMA (6)
Marquis Booker - Ardmore • Jesse Hernandez - Ardmore
Jason Ray – Porter • Trenile Washington – Marietta
Lorenzo Williams – Midwest City • Dain Wise – Midwest City

TENNESSEE (2)
Gordon Bowen - Memphis • Austin Huff - Brentwood

TEXAS (25)
Danario Alexander - Marlin • Marcus Bacon - Houston
Mack Breed - San Antonio • Matt Casaday - Plano Mike Cook - Friendswood
Chase Daniel - Southlake • Connell Davis - Portland
Brad Ekwerekwu - Arlington • Spencer Evans - Bel-Air
Earl Goldsmith - Denton • Ziggy Hood - Amarillo
Del Howard - Dallas • DeQuincy Howard - Tyler
Domonique Johnson - Texas City • David Overstreet - Dallas
Jared Perry - La Marque • Mike Prince - Southlake
Kevin Rutland - Houston • Brant Scott - College Station
Brian Smith - Denton • Stryker Sulak - Rockdale
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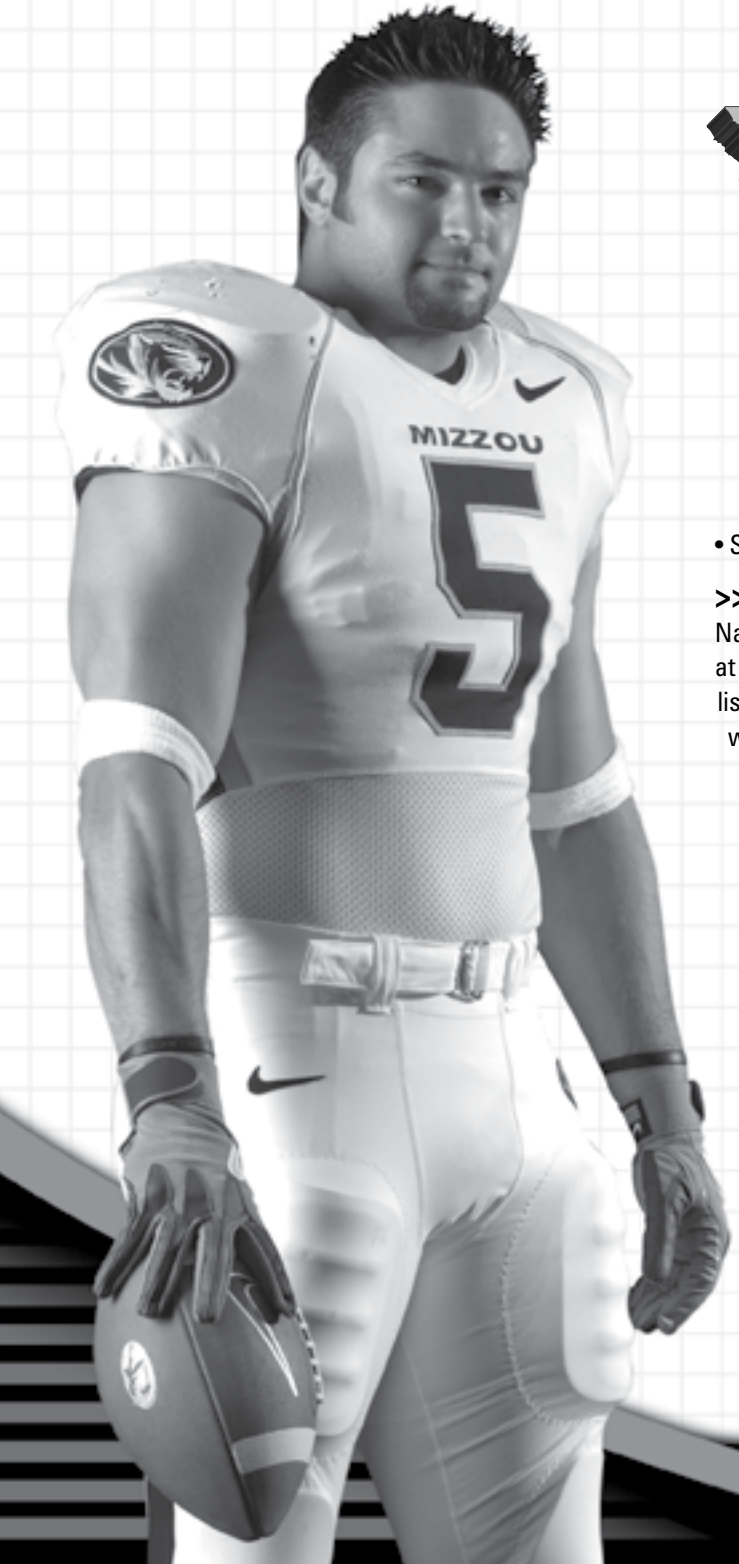
Chad Washington - Lancaster • Sean Weatherspoon - Jasper

WISCONSIN (1)
Greg Bracey – Milwaukee



#5

Van Alexander

Linebacker
6-0 • 235 • So.-1L
Columbia, MO (Rock Bridge HS)

• Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Linebacker

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Native Columbian who is the favorite to win a starting job at weakside linebacker as a sophomore … Enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at that spot, and is the only player with playing experience heading into the fall currently listed on the depth chart at the position … Is coming off a strong spring practice period that saw him win the team's most improved linebacker award.

>> 2005 SEASON

Hometown product who made solid contributions in his first year on the field, playing in all 12 games … Made biggest contributions on special teams, where he played on most of the Tiger return and coverage teams … Ranked 2nd on the team in tackles made on kickoffs, with 7, and added 2 stops on punts… Played the weakside linebacker spot on defense, and was listed No. 2 on the depth chart there for most of the year … Was making great strides in the spring before suffering a sprained foot in practice that required surgery and forced him to miss the majority of the spring period.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Had many impressive moments during practice, and also during fall camp … Broke up two passes and had a tackle for a loss in a short span during his first major scrimmage during fall camp.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

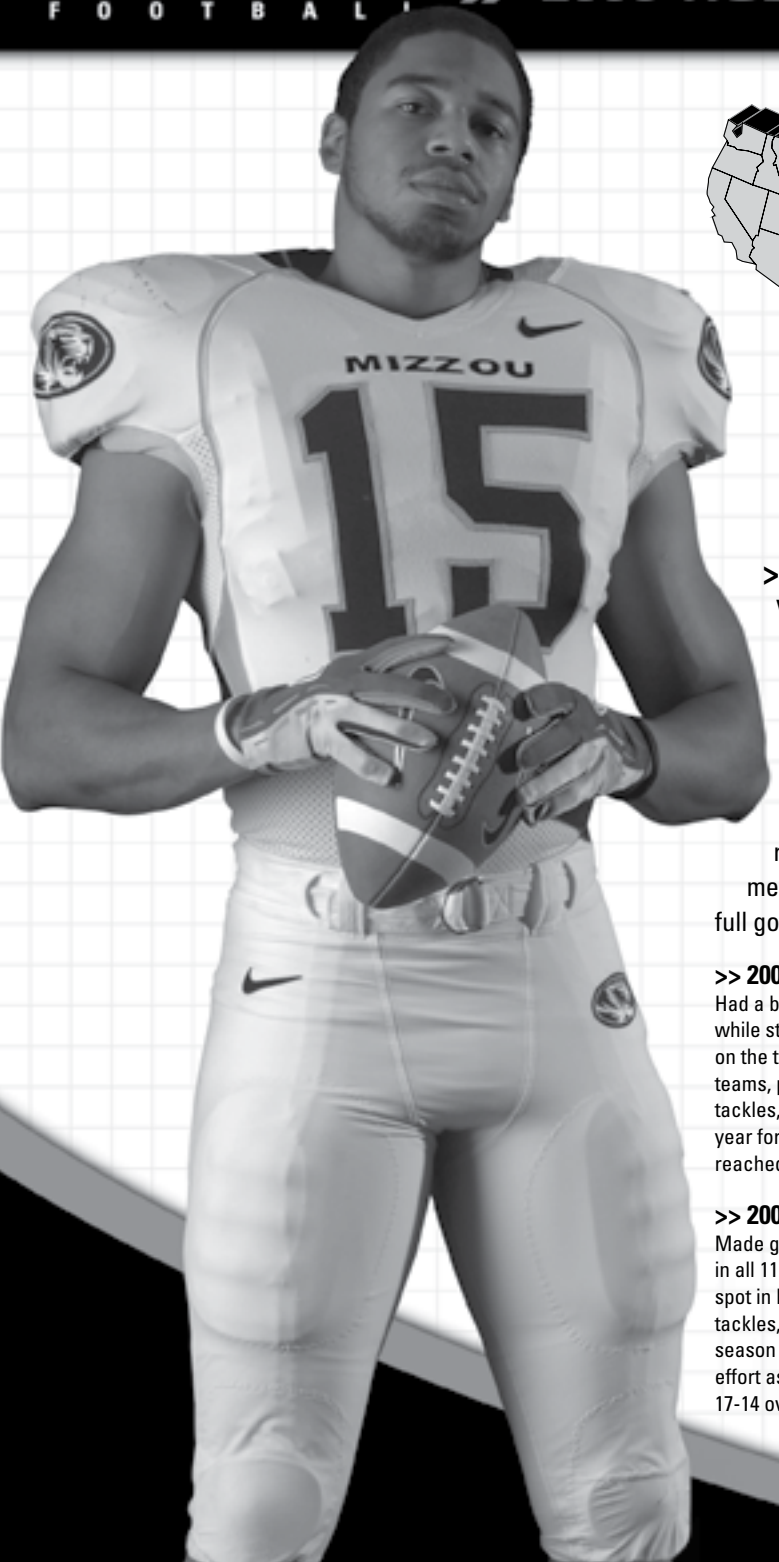
Highly-coveted linebacker prospect who made his decision early in the recruiting process to play for his hometown school … Rated as the No. 8 outside linebacker prospect in the country, according to Rivals.com, and the 6th-best overall talent in the state of Missouri at any position … Earned all-state honors at linebacker, and was an all-conference and all-district pick at both linebacker and running back … Named all-state, all-conference and all-district as a junior … Played defensive back as a sophomore and earned all-district honors and honorable mention all-area honors at that position … High school coach – A.J. Ofodile, a former Mizzou standout tight end … Also played under current Tiger staffer Barry Odom.

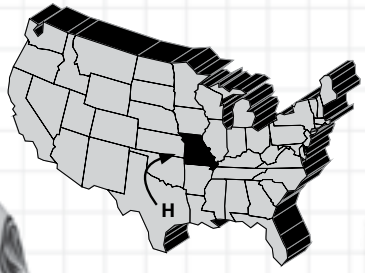
>> PERSONAL

Son of Rick & Dana Alexander … Plans to study business at Mizzou.

ALEXANDER CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles			
	G-GS	**Solo-Asst.**	**Tot.**	**TFL-Yds.**
2005	12-0	14-6	20	0.5-1
Totals	**12-0**	**14-6**	**20**	**0.5-1**





#15

Marcus Bacon

Linebacker

6-2 • 225 • Sr.-3L

Houston, TX (Cypress Springs HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Veteran defender who has emerged as a leader among the linebacking corps who has all the physical tools to be a high-level player, including athleticism, speed and strength … Is a three-year letterwinner who will be looking to be a starter for the second straight year at the strongside position, where he is listed No. 1 on the depth chart entering fall camp … Had his right knee scoped during the offseason to clean up a meniscus tear that he played with during 2005, but was full go in time for the spring period.

>> 2005 SEASON

Had a breakout season as a junior, as he amassed a career-high 85 tackles while starting 8 games at the strongside linebacker position … Ranked 3rd on the team (and tops among MU LBs) … Was also a standout on special teams, playing on several units, and led the team in total special teams tackles, with 12 (8 on punts, 4 on kickoffs) … Recorded 3 QB sacks on the year for 23 yards in losses… Had 5 tackles or more in all but 1 game, and reached double-figures three times.

>> 2004 SEASON

Made good strides in his first year as a linebacker, playing in all 11 games including making 4 starts at the strongside spot in MU's 4-3 alignment … Had career-high totals of 28 tackles, including 3 for losses totaling 10 yards … Ended the season on a strong note, and had a season-best 6-tackle effort as MU held the Cyclones to only 14 points in the Tigers' 17-14 overtime win to deny ISU the Big 12 North title … Was also a member of the special teams.

>> 2003 SEASON

Played the whip position, and saw action in 12 games on the season (including 1 start), and had 16 tackles (10 solo, 6 assists).

>> 2002 SEASON

Redshirt season, spent valuable time getting acclimated with system … Named scout team Most Valuable Player for his preparations during Ball State week.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

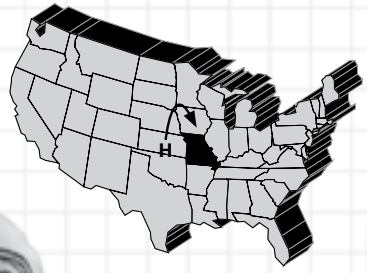
One of the top defensive back prospects to come out Texas, who ranked among the top-60 safeties in the country by Rivals.com … Was an honorable mention all-state selection and first-team all-district pick at Houston's Cypress Springs High School … High school coach – Robert Blackshear.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Donald and Mary Lou Guerrero-Bacon … Father is a director of radiology … Academic interest lies in psychology.

BACON CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles								
	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	INT	QBH	PBU	FF
2003	12-1	10	6	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2004	11-4	20	8	28	3-10	1-4	0	1	0	0
2005	11-8	54	31	85	4-26	3-23	1	2	1	1
Totals	**34-13**	**84**	**45**	**129**	**7-36**	**4-27**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**



#47

Josh Barbo

Defensive Lineman
6-5 • 280 • Jr.-1L
Conway Springs, KS (Conway Springs HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Strong, athletic talent who should play a big role on the front line for the Tiger defense, either at tackle or end … Moved to the outside during the spring practice period – after playing inside a year ago – but he enters fall camp listed third on the depth chart at the tackle position … Had 2 tackles in the spring game playing at end … Can also serve as a long snapper … Suffered a stress fracture in his right foot during off-season workouts, but was cleared for full practice during the spring period … Is a workout warrior who has added 30 pounds to his frame since joining the Tiger program … Was part of the winning squad in the football team's annual spring 3-on-3 basketball tournament, along with Tommy Saunders and Austin Huff.

>> 2005 SEASON

Athletic sophomore who moved to the defensive line in the spring, after spending his first two years in the program at tight end … Played in all 12 games during the season, primarily on special teams, where he was a valuable member of the interior line for blocking … Made strides during the spring, despite his limited time at the position.

>> 2004 SEASON

Saw action in 1 game as a redshirt freshman tight end, getting in for the tail end of the Ball State game … Caught 1 pass for 5 yards in the annual Black and Gold Game to close the spring.

>> 2003 SEASON

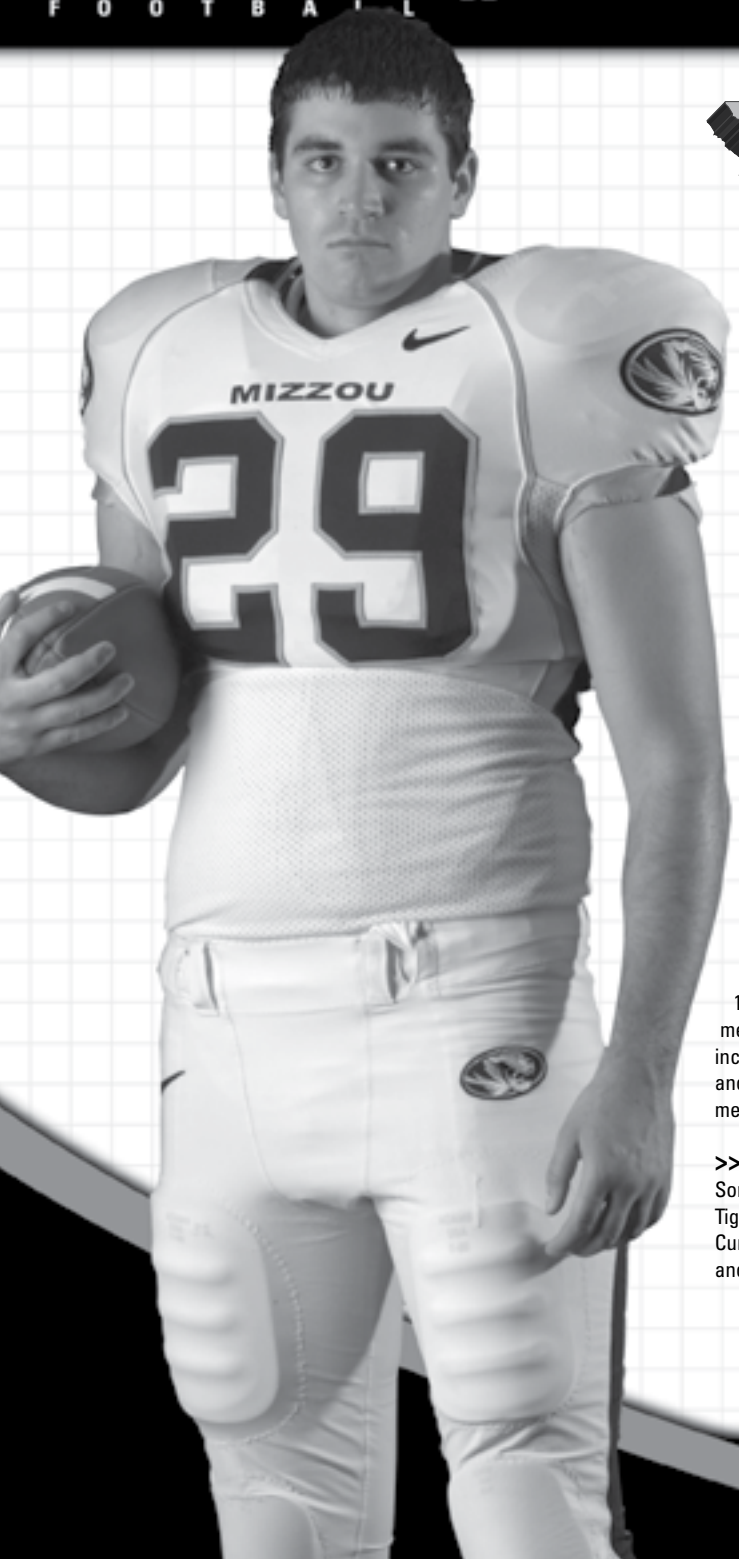
Redshirted during his first year at Mizzou, and practiced each day with the Tiger scout team.

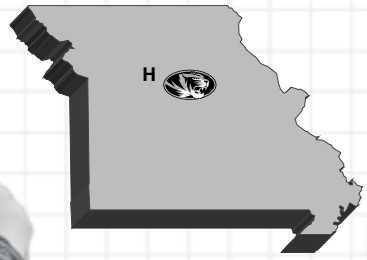
>> HIGH SCHOOL

An all-state performer at tight end who helped lead his team to consecutive Kansas state championships … Named an All-American in 2002 by The Sporting News, by Prep Star Magazine, by Student Sports Magazine, and was also named the Gatorade Kansas Player of the Year … Was also a Gatorade National Player of the Year Finalist … Rivals.com ranks him as the No. 1 prospect in the state of Kansas (all positions), and as the No. 9 tight end in the country, and the No. 40 prospect in the Midlands (all positions) … MoKan Football rates him as the top overall prospect in Kansas … Ranked as the No. 41 overall prospect (all positions) in the Midland region by SuperPrep Magazine.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Mike & Sherri Barbo … Member of the National Honor Society and his school's student council … Is interested in studying hotel and restaurant management at MU … Chose Mizzou over Kansas State, Colorado, Oklahoma State, Colorado State, Michigan State and Kansas, among others.





#29

Dan Barnes

Tight End
6-3 • 225 • RS-Fr.
Marshall, MO (Northwest HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

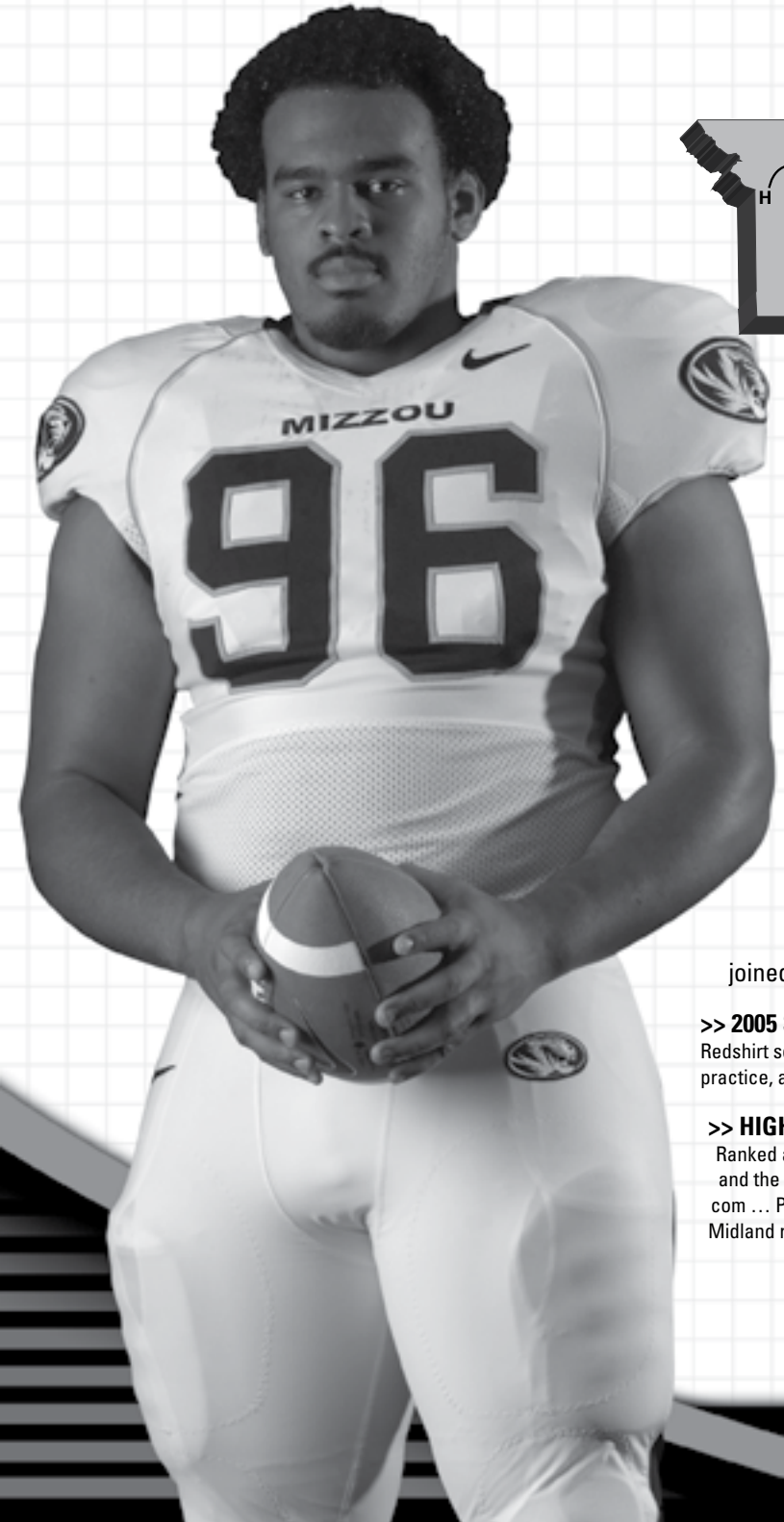
Walk-on Missouri native who moves to tight end in his second year in the Tiger program, after spending time running the scout team at quarterback … Also got some punting work in during practice last season, as well … Had a good spring practice period, which he capped off by catching 1 pass for 7 yards in the annual Black & Gold Game.

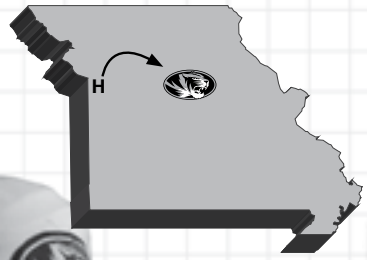
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport athlete at Northwest High School, earning letters in football, basketball and baseball … Played several positions for his team, and earned 1st-Team all-state honors as a punter as a junior … A year after as a senior, won 3rd-Team all-state honors as a punter, 1st-Team all-conference honors as a defensive lineman and honorable mention all-conference honors as a running back … Senior year statistics included 28 catches for 430 yards and 5 TDs, 390 yards rushing and 5 TDs, and 84 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and 6 QB sacks on defense … Was a member of National Honor Society … High school coach – Caleb Crooker.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Pat & Terri McCarthy … Younger brother, Tim, will join him on the Tiger football team this fall, as a member of MU's 2006 signing class … Currently undecided on major at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as hunting, fishing and playing basketball





#96

Jaron Baston

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 290 • RS-Fr.
Blue Springs, MO (Blue Springs HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A versatile and talented defensive lineman who has the potential to play numerous positions at the collegiate level … Enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the noseguard position as a redshirt freshman, and figures to enter significantly into the playing rotation after putting together an impressive spring camp … Has done great work in the Tiger strength program, as he's added 25 pounds to his frame since he joined the team.

>> 2005 SEASON

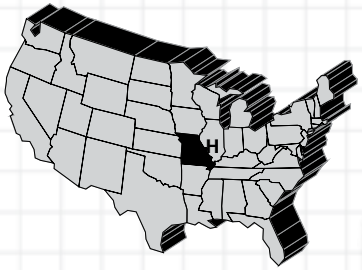
Redshirt season … Was impressive playing on the scout team in practice, and also in the weight room.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the nation's No. 48 strongside defensive end prospect and the No. 11 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com … PrepStar has him as the No. 53 overall prospect in the Midland region … Was a 1st-Team all-state selection as both a junior and senior, and added 2nd-Team all-state mention as a sophomore in 2002 … Also earned Kansas City all-metro honors in 2004 … Had 77 tackles as a senior, including 5 QB sacks, and also broke up 10 passes and scored 2 defensive TDs … Teamed with fellow 2005 MU signee James Stigall to help lead Blue Springs to Class 6 state championship as a junior in 2003, and consecutive conference and district championships in 2003 and 2004 … Had 2 tackles, including a QB sack, in the state title game in which Blue Springs defeated Hazelwood Central by a 53-0 count to cap off a perfect 13-0 season … Had 88 tackles as a junior, including 10 QB sacks and 2 forced fumbles … Added 63 tackles and 6 QB sacks in 2002 … An excellent all-around athlete who took 3rd in the 2004 state wrestling championships and also earned all-state honors in track and field … High school coach – Kelly Donohoe.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Vernon Baston & Angela Childs … Chose MU over Kansas, among other schools … Enjoys drawing and playing video games in his spare time … Academic interest lies in broadcasting, and MU's prestigious School of Journalism was a big draw in his choosing to be a Tiger.



#95

Steven Blair

Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 230 • Jr.-1L
Godfrey, IL (Marquette Catholic HS)

- 2005 Team Walk-On Player of the Year
- Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Special Forces Player

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the off-season due to his valuable contributions on special teams as a long snapper … Is expected to continue handling those chores primarily, and is also listed on the depth chart at one defensive end position entering fall camp … Recorded 3 tackles playing on defense in the 2006 spring game.

>> 2005 SEASON

Walk-on defensive end who was a special teams MVP after taking over as Mizzou's deep snapper for the season … Won the team's walk-on player of the year award at the team banquet in early December … Was nearly flawless on his snaps, providing rock-solid snaps on both punts and placekicks … Recorded 3 tackles on punt coverage, notching single tackles in games against Oklahoma State, Colorado and Baylor … Was named the team's Most Improved Special Forces Player Award in the spring.

>> 2004 SEASON

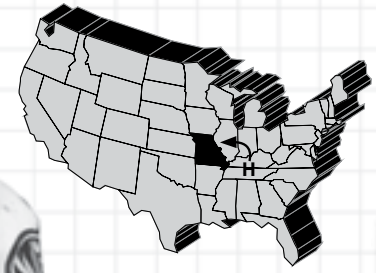
Walk-on defensive lineman who showed good athleticism during the season's end … Did not see game action while taking a redshirt.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport standout at Marquette Catholic High School in Godfrey, Ill., where he lettered in football, basketball and swimming ... Honorable mention all-state linebacker as a senior, when he racked up 112 tackles, 10 sacks and also doubled as a productive wideout, catching 13 passes for 327 yards and 9 TDs … Earned 3rd-Team St. Louis all-metro honors as a senior, and was a three-time all-conference pick at linebacker and twice at wide receiver … Had 66 tackles as a junior and added 13 catches for 326 yards and 3 TDs … As a sophomore, recorded 73 stops on defense and 11 catches on offense … High School Coach – Mike Slaughter.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Steven & Nancy Blair … Father is a plant manager, mother is a registered nurse … Planning on pursuing a degree in social studies education at Mizzou.



#58

Gordon Bowen

Offensive Lineman
6-2 • 290 • RS-Fr.
Memphis, TN (Germantown HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

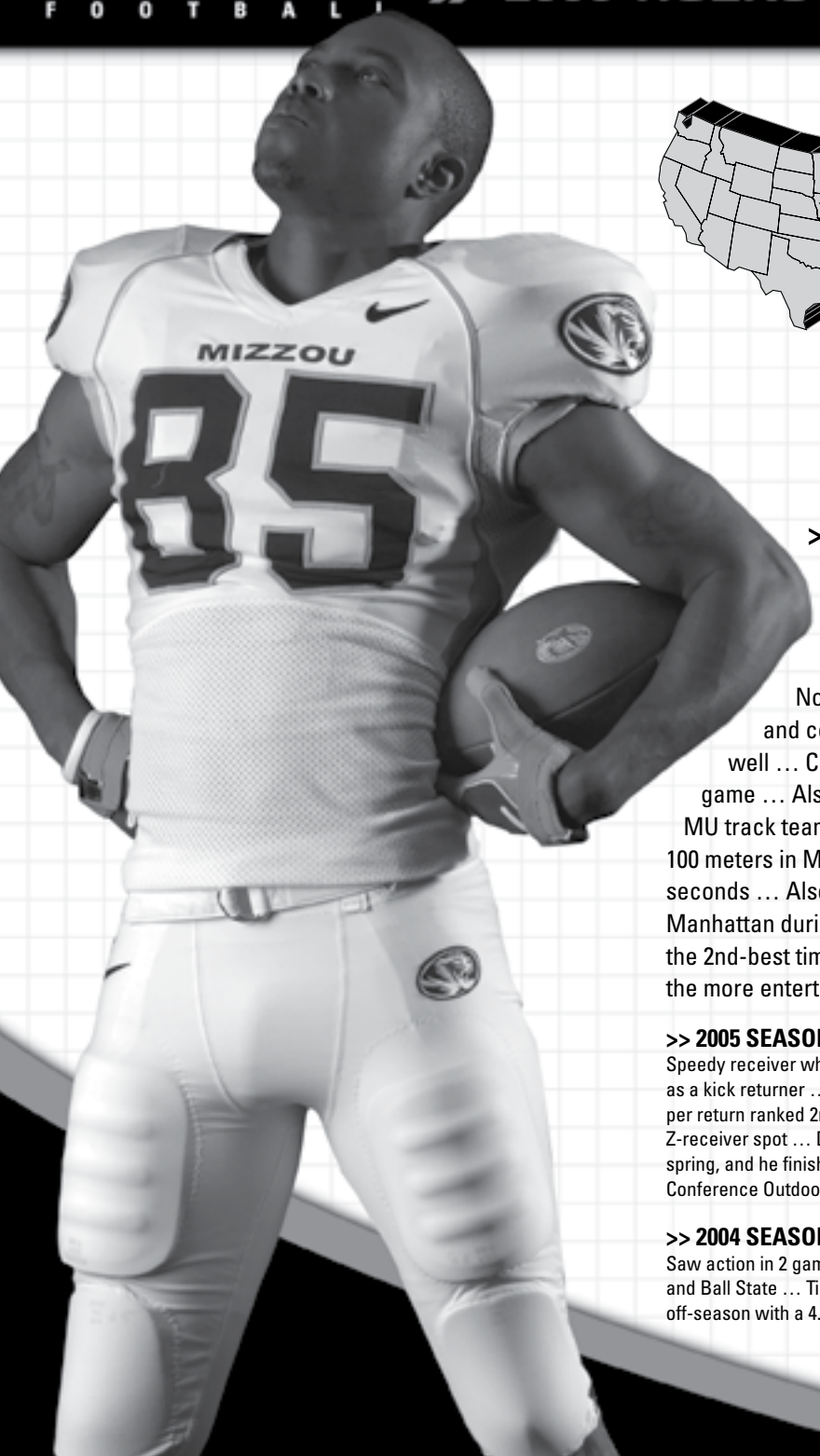
Out-of-state walk-on who hopes to contribute to the Tiger offensive line in his first full year in the program.

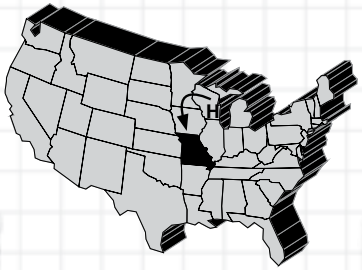
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Played on a team which won a Tennessee state 5A championship as a junior, as his squad defeated nationally-ranked Riverdale-Murfreesboro in the title match … High school coach – Charlie White.

>> PERSONAL

Son of George & Bobbie Jean Bowen … Intends to major in physical therapy at Mizzou, with a career goal of opening up his own physical therapy practice … Chose Mizzou over Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arizona State … Older cousin, Leonard Burton played football at South Carolina and later for 10 years in the National Football League with the Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions … Lists hobbies as drawing, video games and basketball.





#85

Greg Bracey

Wide Receiver
6-2 • 205 • Jr.-Sq.
Milwaukee, WI (Vincent HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A speed merchant who looks to have a breakout year as a wide receiver in 2006 … Showed big improvement in all areas during spring ball, and enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the X-receiver spot, and could figure into the mix on kickoff returns, as well … Caught 2 passes for 29 yards in the 2006 spring game … Also doubles as the top short sprinter on the MU track team, and he earned All-Big 12 honors in the 100 meters in May, when he finished 5th with a time of 10.52 seconds … Also ran a personal-best 6.80 60-meter dash in Manhattan during the indoor track season, which ranks as the 2nd-best time in MU history of the event … Is one of the more entertaining personalities on the team.

>> 2005 SEASON

Speedy receiver who saw action in 5 games during the season, primarily as a kick returner … Had 4 kickoff returns, and his average of 21.5 yards per return ranked 2nd on the team … Was also on the depth chart at the Z-receiver spot … Doubles as one of the track team's top sprinters in the spring, and he finished 7th in 100 meters (10.31 seconds) at the 2005 Big 12 Conference Outdoor Championships.

>> 2004 SEASON

Saw action in 2 games on the season, in Tiger wins over Arkansas State and Ball State … Tied the MU 40-yard dash record in testing during the off-season with a 4.29-second run.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors for his work in practice leading up to the Eastern Illinois game.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

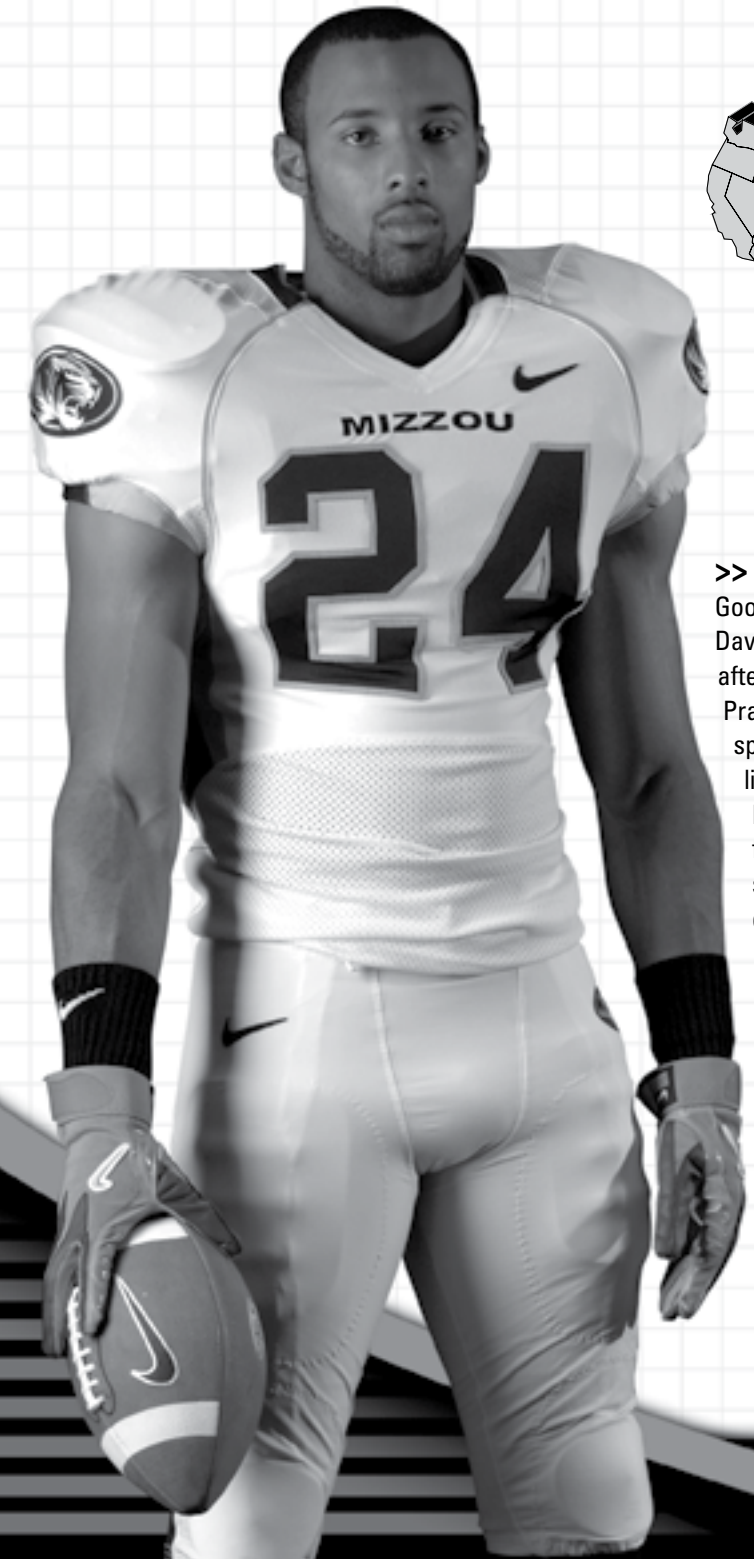
Two-sport standout in football and track who was ranked among the nation's top 50 receivers, according to Rivals.com … Ranked as the No. 47 prospect in the Midwest (all positions) by SuperPrep … Earned honorable mention all-state and second-team all-area honors after senior season when he helped lead his Vikings to playoffs… Also an electrifying kick returner… Named conference player of the year, and conference return specialist of the year for his efforts … Caught 49 passes for 1,222 yards in his career… Named the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel area track athlete of the year as a junior… Won a national title at 200 meters at the Junior Olympics in the summer of 2001 …High school coach – Adam Walker.

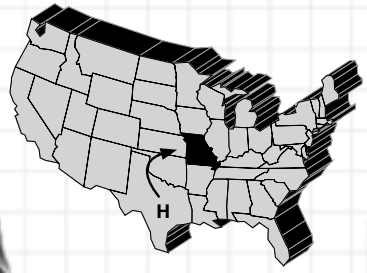
>> PERSONAL

Son of Isaac & Delphine Bracey … Intends to major in sociology at Mizzou… An honor roll student who was a member of the National Honor Society … Served as the public address announcer for his high school's basketball games … Chose Mizzou over Purdue, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northwestern and Vanderbilt, among others.

BRACEY CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Kickoff Returns	Avg.	Long
2004	2-0	0-0	0.0	0
2005	5-0	4-86	21.5	33
Totals	**7-0**	**4-86**	**21.5**	**33**





#24

Mack Breed

Strong Safety
6-1 • 205 • So.-Sq.
San Antonio, TX (John Jay HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Good-looking athlete who hopes to follow in the shoes of David Overstreet, and become an impact player at safety after coming to Mizzou as a quarterback initially … Practiced, but was not full strength during a majority of the spring as he was recovering from surgery to repair a torn ligament in his left knee during the 2005 season … Should be full strength once fall camp opens in August … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the strong safety position after practicing at the free safety spot during spring ball.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see action on the year after moving to safety prior to the season, from quarterback … Missed much of the season due to a knee injury.

>> 2004 SEASON

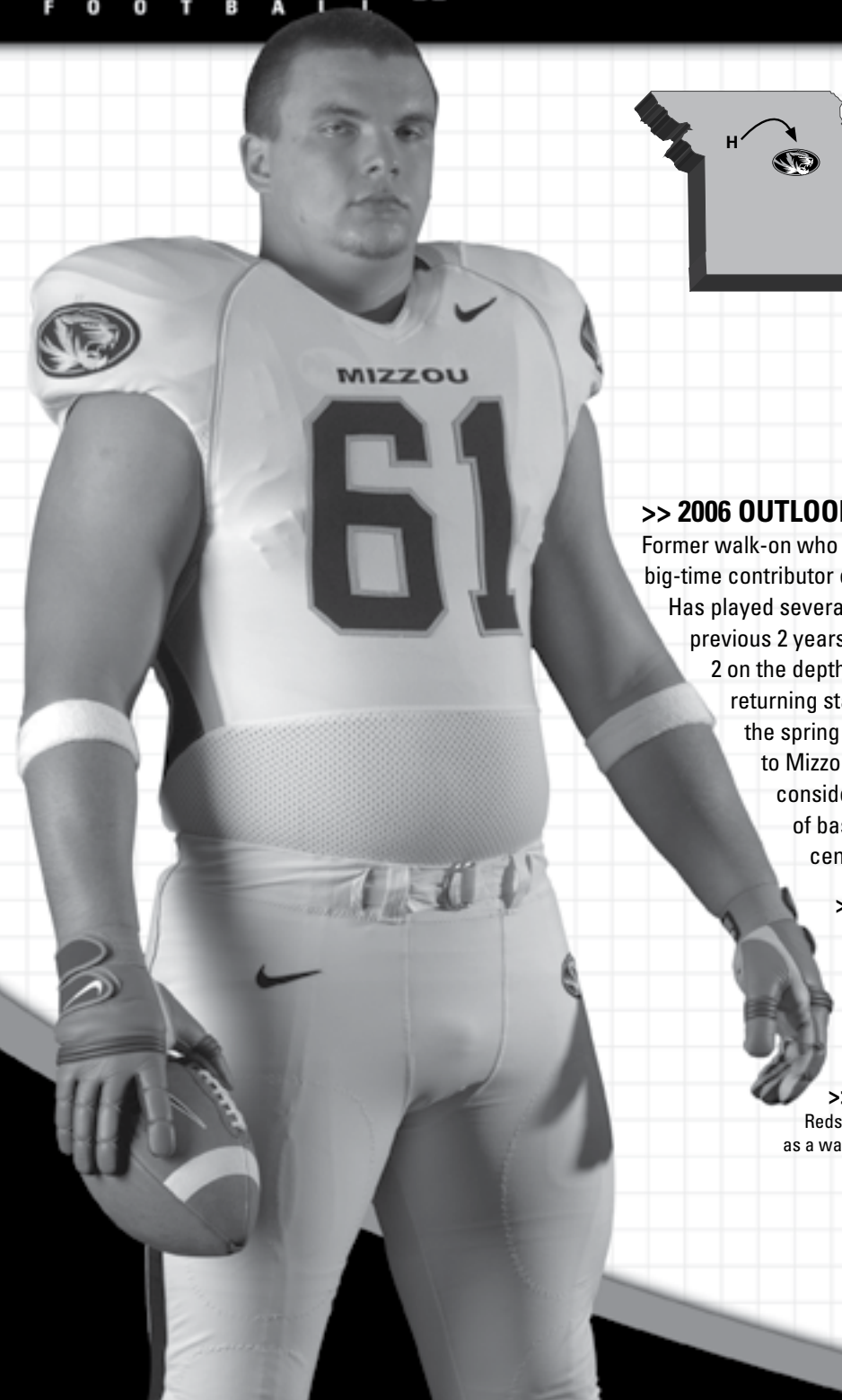
Redshirt season.

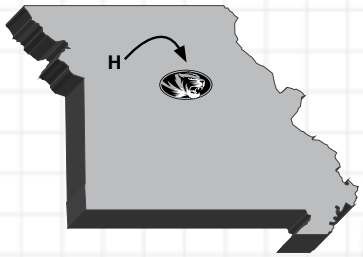
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Dangerous dual-threat quarterback prospect who hails from San Antonio John Jay High School … Listed among top-10 prospects in the San Antonio area … Has 4.3 speed in the 40-yard dash … An excellent athlete who was an all-state, all-district and all-area centerfielder in baseball … High school coach – Larry Pullin.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Steve & Felecia Breed … Plans to pursue degree in management at Mizzou … Chose MU over Texas A&M, Colorado, Baylor and Utah, among others.





#61

Colin Brown

Offensive Lineman
6-8 • 315 • So.-Sq.
Braymer, MO (Braymer HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Former walk-on who has the body to potentially become a big-time contributor on the offensive line for Mizzou … Has played several different positions on the line in his previous 2 years at MU, but enters the fall listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at right guard, behind senior returning starter Mike Cook … Played during the spring at tackle as well … Found his way to Mizzou to play football after initially considering his opportunities in the sport of basketball, where he was an all-state center in high school.

>> 2005 SEASON

Former walk-on who was awarded with a scholarship prior to the season, and saw action in 2 games in 2005 … Spent most of the year listed No. 2 on the depth chart at center … Played in games #1 (Arkansas State) and #3 (Troy).

>> 2004 SEASON

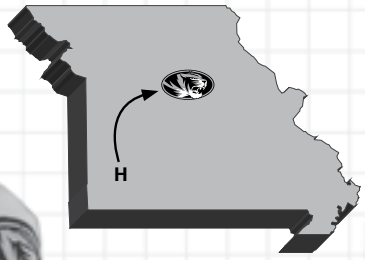
Redshirt season … Joined the team prior to fall camp as a walk-on.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in four sports at Braymer High School, and was an all-state performer in basketball twice (2003 & 2004), as well as being a McDonald's All-American nominee on the hardcourt … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection on the gridiron as a defensive tackle as a senior in 2003, and also earned 1st-Team All-Conference honors at both defensive tackle and tight end the same year … Was a star for Braymer in basketball, and averaged 18.5 points, 12 rebounds and 5 blocks per game as a senior in 2004, as he led his team to a 26-3 record and state quarterfinal appearance … Won 11 letters in his high school days, including four in basketball, three each in football and track, and one in baseball … High school coach – Troy Stemburger.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Dave & Mona Brown … Academic interest lies in secondary education at Mizzou.



#4

Travis Cardoza

Free Safety
5-11 • 200 • Jr.-Sq.
Springfield, MO (Rogersville HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Dedicated walk-on player who hopes to earn some playing time after turning in a strong spring practice period … Enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at free safety.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see action during the season … Moved to strong safety after spending his first year in the program at cornerback … Had one tackle in the spring game.

>> 2004 SEASON

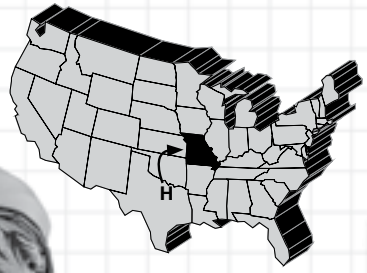
Did not see game action … Worked as a member of the scout team at cornerback … Had a solid spring period, and had an interception in one of the Tigers' major scrimmages.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Football and track standout at Logan-Rogersville High School … Was an honorable-mention all-state linebacker as a senior, and also won conference defensive player of the year honors after recording 79 tackles, 3 sacks and 4 interceptions with 2 returned for scores … An academic all-conference pick as well … All-state performer in track as a sprinter, who also held school records in the 100 meters (10.88 seconds), 200 meters (22.23), and the 400-meter relay and 800-meter relay … High school coach – Corey Roy.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Marci Perry … Is majoring in mechanical engineering … An active outdoorsman who is involved with the canoe and kayaking and rock climbing clubs at MU.



#14

Matt Casaday

Placekicker/Punter
5-11 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Plano, TX (West HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A dual-threat kicking talent that has the ability to contribute as either a placekicker or a punter … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at punter.

>> 2005 SEASON

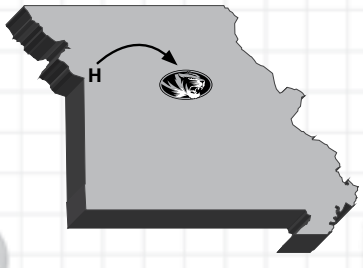
Redshirt season … Entered the season with hopes of challenging for playing time primarily as a punter, but an early foot injury suffered in fall camp slowed his progress … Worked as a punter mostly during his redshirt year, but began to work more as a placekicker as the season progressed.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the top combo kickers in the nation … Ranked as the No. 12 kicker in the nation, according to Rivals.com … Earned 1st-Team all-district recognition as a senior at both punter and place kicker, after connecting on 12-of-18 field goals and punting for a 42-yard average on the 2004 season … Made 7-of-10 field goals as a junior in 2003, and earned 2nd-Team all-district mention for his efforts … Made good on 6-of-9 field goal tries as a sophomore in 2002 season … High school coach – Mike Hughes.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Mike & Cheryl Casaday … Chose MU over Utah, Arizona State, TCU and West Virginia, among others … Lists hobbies as hunting and fishing … Interested in pursuing a business degree at Mizzou.



#35

Brock Christopher

Linebacker
6-2 • 240 • So.-1L
Kearney, MO (Kearney HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Talented, young linebacker who played last year as a true freshman and proved to be a valuable addition to the team … Showed a knack for making big plays time and time again … Enters fall camp listed 2nd on the depth chart at the middle linebacker spot, behind incumbent senior starter Dedrick Harrington … Capped a strong spring camp by registering 6 tackles (including 2 TFLs) during the Black & Gold Game … Could also factor into several special teams units, as well, after providing solid contributions there a year ago … Is quick, physical and has great lateral movement … Has worked hard in the weight room to add 20 pounds to his frame since coming to campus.

>> 2005 SEASON

True freshman linebacker that stepped in and made a nice impact straight out of high school, seeing action in 11 games … Ended with 31 tackles on the year, with 26 of those coming on defense, and 5 more on the kickoff coverage squad … Closed the year with a great performance in the Tigers' Independence Bowl win over South Carolina, as he filled in for an injured Dedrick Harrington (who left the game early in the second half with a broken arm) and responded by making a career-high tying 6 tackles … Also had a big game at Kansas, as he recorded a career-high 6 tackles, including a half-tackle for loss, and also added his first career interception on a beautiful diving catch … Had a tackle in 10-of-11 games, and had 2 or more in 9 of those outings … Had 2 tackles and 1 QB hurry at Oklahoma State, with his hurry forcing the OSU QB to heave a desperation pass that was intercepted by MU's David Overstreet in the final minute of play to help seal the Tigers' 38-31 win … Saw his first collegiate action in game #2 against New Mexico, and made a big play immediately, as he forced a fumble on the opening kickoff of the game (recovered by New Mexico).

>> HIGH SCHOOL

An accomplished three-sport star at Kearney High School who was a standout linebacker and tailback … Is rated as the No. 31 inside linebacker prospect in the nation according to Rivals.com, and the same group ranks him as the No. 7 overall prospect in the state of Missouri … SuperPrep has him as the No. 55 prospect at any position in the Midlands region … Led his team in tackles all four years, as he registered career totals of 467 tackles, 51 tackles for loss and 3 interceptions … Helped lead Kearney to back-to-back Class 4 state football championships, in 2002 and 2003 … Was a 1st-Team all-state pick at LB in 2004, in addition to earning the same honors in 2002 and 2003 … Was also a three-time 1st-Team all-district and all-conference honoree, as well as a two-time 1st-Team selection at all-metro … Had 84 tackles as a senior … As a junior in 2003, had 127 stops… Had 128 tackles as a sophomore… Also led Kearney as a freshman with 128 tackles… Also starred in basketball and baseball for Kearney … Earned all-conference honors in basketball, and 1st-Team all-state honors in baseball… High school coach – Mark Thomas.

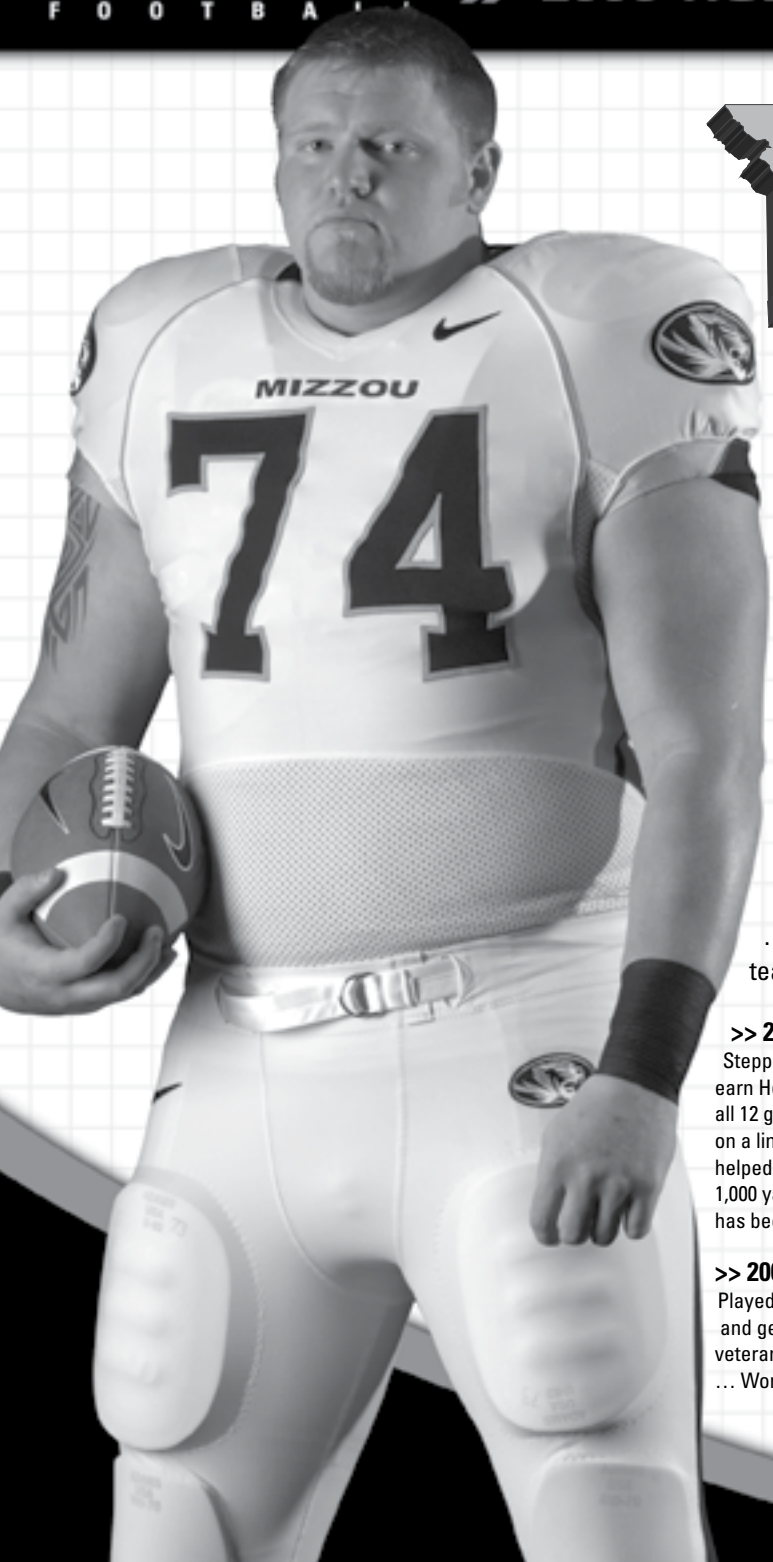
>> PERSONAL

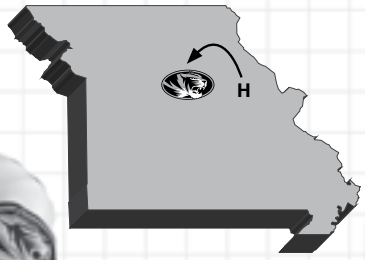
Son of Robert & Maureen Christopher … Chose MU over Iowa, Kansas State and Ohio State.

CHRISTOPHER CAREER STATISTICS

Tackles

	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds.	Sack-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH
2005	11-0	16-15	31	0.5-4	0-0	1-0	1-0	1
Totals	**11-0**	**16-15**	**31**	**0.5-4**	**0-0**	**1-0**	**1-0**	**1**





#74

Joel Clinger

Offensive Lineman
6-6 • 310 • Sr.-2L
Warrenton, MO (Warren County R-III HS)

- 2005 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- Spring 2004 Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Program veteran, and a proven performer who returns for his senior campaign looking to serve as a leader for the Tiger offensive line … Looks to earn a starting role at right tackle for the second straight year, and he enters fall camp listed atop the depth at that position … Has 24 career games played, and 12 career starts under his belt entering the 2006 season … Has impeccable musical taste, as he's arguably the team's biggest metal-head, musically speaking.

>> 2005 SEASON

Stepped into a starting role at right tackle, and performed well enough to earn Honorable Mention All-Big 12 honors by the league coaches … Started all 12 games at right tackle, and was one of the most consistent performers on a line that featured three first-time starters … Was part of a line that helped pave the way for QB Brad Smith to reach 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing, marking only the 3rd time in NCAA Div. I-A history that has been achieved.

>> 2004 SEASON

Played in 10 games on the season and earned his first letterman's award and getting the most extensive experience of his Tiger career … Backed up veteran Scott Paffrath at the strongside tackle position for most of the year … Won the team's Most Improved Offensive Lineman in the spring period.

>> 2003 SEASON

Saw action in two games in 2003, against Ball State and Iowa State.

>> 2002 SEASON

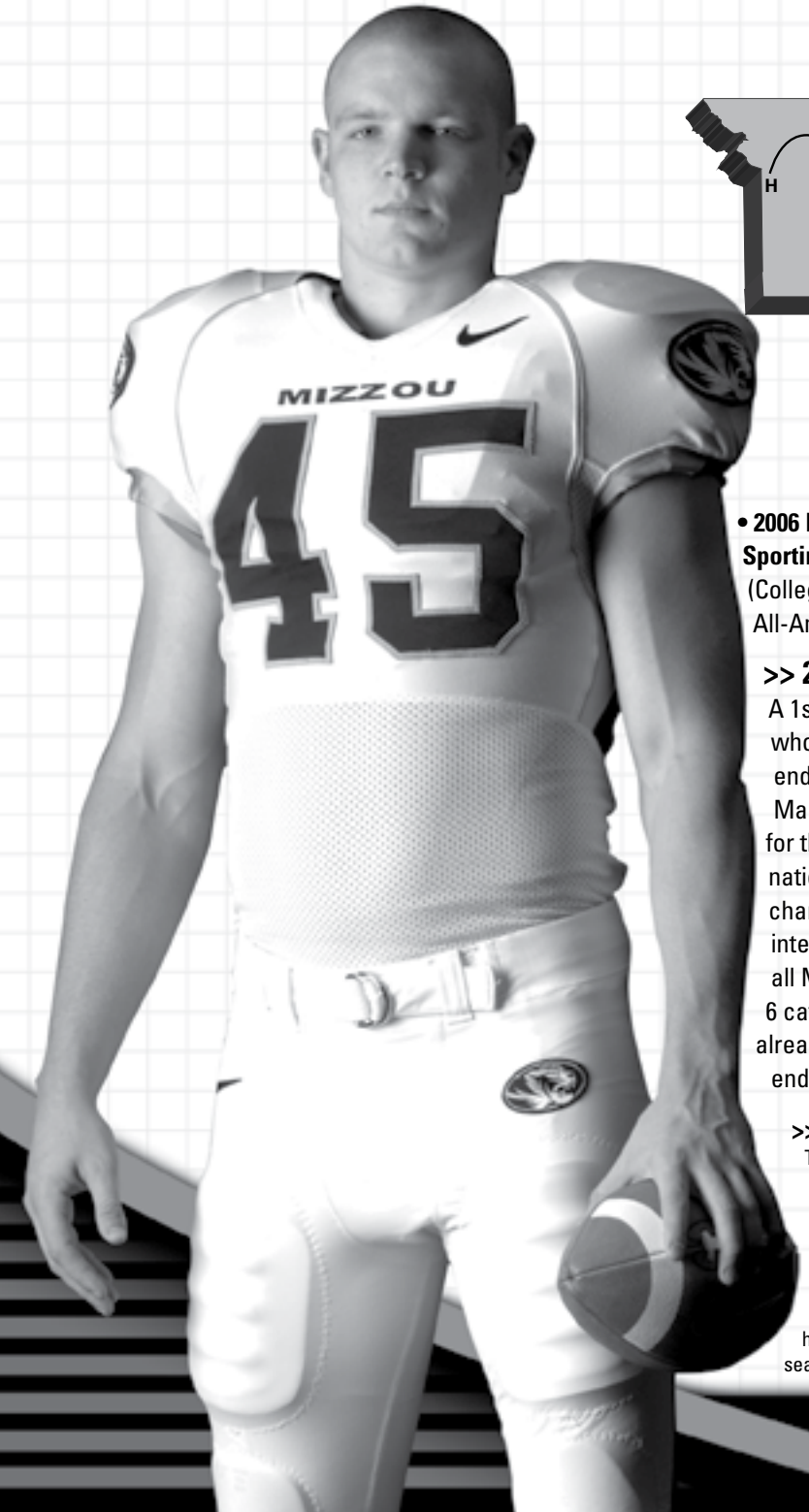
Redshirt season.

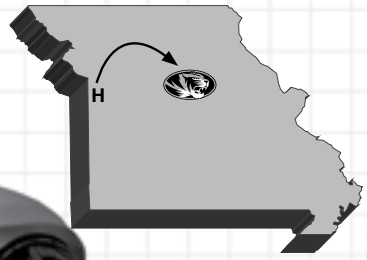
>> HIGH SCHOOL

All-state offensive tackle who rated as the number one lineman and the 10th-best prospect in the state of Missouri by MoKan.com … Ranked as the 54th-best lineman in the country by Rivals.com … A three-year varsity letterman who was a two-time first-team all-conference selection at tackle … Was also a two-time first-team pick at defensive end, as well … Earned second-team all-conference honors as a sophomore on the offensive side of the ball … Helped lead his team to three straight conference championships … Earned St. Louis all-metro honors as a senior and was a two-time all-eas Coaches Association selection … On defense, racked up 50 tackles, 11 quarterback sacks, an interception and a fumble recovery … A three-sport athlete who also earned three letters in track and basketball … Was a state qualifier in the shot put in 2000 and 2001 … Helped lead his team to a district title in basketball in 2000 and a conference championship in 2001 … High school coach – Steve McDowell … A member of the National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America.

>> PERSONAL

Son of John and Annette Clinger … Father is a junior high at-risk coordinator, mother is a junior high school teacher … Is studying animal science at Mizzou.





#45

Chase Coffman

Tight End
6-6 • 235 • So.-1L
Peculiar, MO (Raymore-Peculiar HS)

• 2006 Pre-Season No. 15 Tight End Nationally (The Sporting News) • 2005 1st-Team Freshman All-American (College Football News) • 2005 1st-Team Freshman All-American (Rivals) • 2005 Team Freshman of the Year

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A 1st-Team Freshman All-American from a year ago who returns to give Mizzou one of the best tight end duos in the country, along with fellow standout Martin Rucker … Should be a pre-season candidate for the John Mackey Award, given annually to the nation's top tight end … Is listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the tight end spot entering the fall, but for all intents and purposes is a starter all the same … Led all MU receivers in the 2006 Black & Gold Game, with 6 catches for 66 yards and 1 TD … In just 1 season, already ranks 8th all-time at MU in receptions by tight ends with his 47 catches.

>> 2005 SEASON

True freshman who wowed from day one in camp, and earned 1st-Team Freshman All-American honors at tight end from at least two national outlets for his stellar play … Caught 47 passes for 503 yards and 4 TDs … His catch total tied for 1st in the Big 12 among tight ends … Ranked 4th in the Big 12 among tight ends with his yardage total … His catches ranked as the 2nd-most by a tight end in MU single-season history, while his yardage ranked as 3rd-best in MU tight end season history … Led all Big 12 freshmen with his 47 catches on the year …Shared team freshman of the year honors with redshirt freshman defensive end Stryker Sulak.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most heralded signees in the 2005 class who was ranked as the No. 4 tight end prospect in the country by Super-Prep, and as the No. 19 tight end prospect in the nation by Rivals.com … Ranked No. 3 overall recruit in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com and No. 7 by SuperPrep … Was the winner of the 2004 Simone Award, which is given annually to the top player in the Kansas City metro area … Teamed with QB and younger brother, Carson, to set numerous state receiving records, and helped lead Ray-Pec to a Class 5 state championship during an undefeated 2004 season (13-0 record) … Earned 1st-Team all-state honors for three straight seasons, and was a two-time 1st-Team all-district and all-conference pick, as well … Was named conference player of the year as a senior in 2004 … High school coach – Tom Kruse.

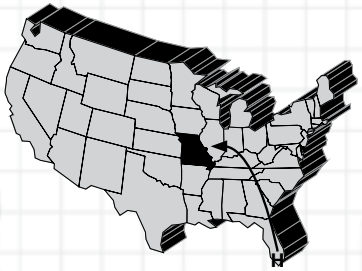
>> PERSONAL

Son of Paul & Amy Coffman … Father was a standout tight end for Kansas State collegiately as well as the Green Bay Packers (1978-85) and the Kansas City Chiefs (1986-87) in the professional ranks … Academic interest lies in business.

COFFMAN CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12-1	47	503	10.7	4	33
Totals	**12-1**	**47**	**503**	**10.7**	**4**	**33**



#11

Brandon Coleman

Quarterback
6-3 • 215 • Sr.-Sq.
Miami, FL (North Miami HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Versatile dual-threat QB who has chosen to stay at this position after experimenting late last season as a wide receiver … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at quarterback, and is one of 2 Tiger QBs with game experience … Completed 10-of-17 passes for 100 yards and 1 TD in the Black & Gold Game … Wasn't quite 100 percent during the spring, after having surgery on his left knee after the 2005 season to clean up an injury, but he should be back to full strength come fall camp in August.

>> 2005 SEASON

Saw action in 2 games on the season, with time coming against Troy and Texas … Carried the ball once against Troy … Completed 14-of-29 passes in the annual spring game for a game-high 127 yards and 1 TD.

>> 2004 SEASON

Saw action in four games under center, and was impressive in his opportunities … Had a QB rating of 205.67, as he completed 4-of-6 passes for 60 yards and 1 TD … Completed 12 passes for 93 yards and 1 touchdown in the 2004 spring game.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt freshman signal caller who saw action in 2 games, Ball State and Iowa State … Named scout team MVP for his work in practice the week of the Kansas game.

>> 2002 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned his stripes as a valuable member of the offensive scout team … Was twice named scout team player of the week during the season, for his efforts in preparations against Bowling Green and Texas A&M.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked among the top-40 athletes in the nation by Rivals.com … A two-time all-county quarterback at Miami North High School, where he completed 135-of-235 passes for 1,461 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior … As a junior, threw for 865 yards while rushing for 298 yards … Threw for 1,617 yards and 15 TDs as a sophomore, completing 145-of-220 passes … High school coach – Gil Lora.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Walter and Kim Coleman … Father is a mechanic, mother is a school teacher … Is majoring in sociology at Mizzou.

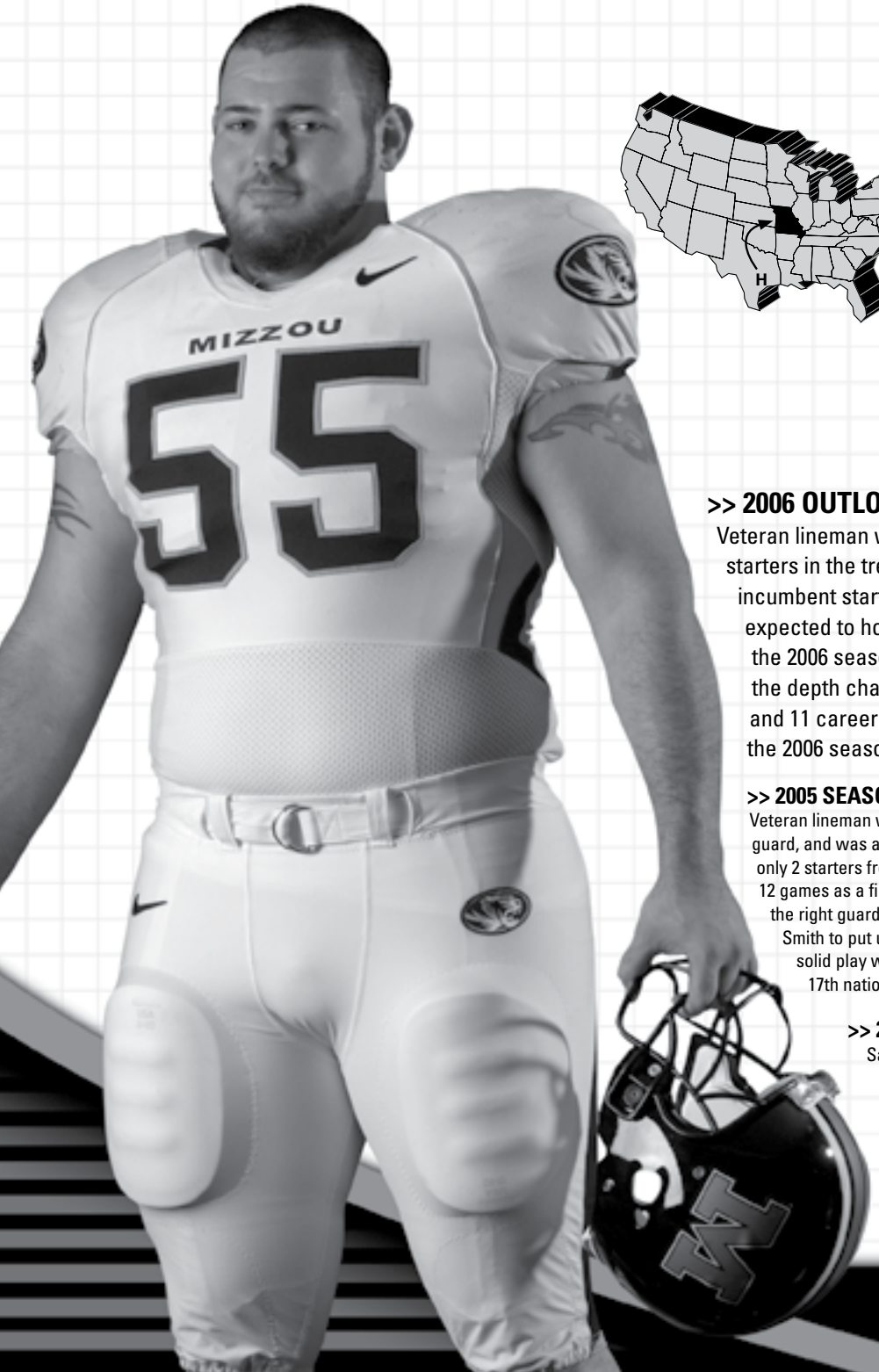
COLEMAN CAREER STATISTICS

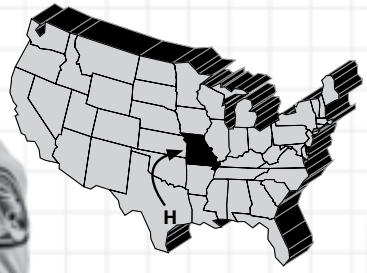
Tackles

	G-GS	Comp.-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	INTs	Rating
2003	2-0	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
2004	4-0	4-6	66.7	60	1	0	205.67
2005	2-0	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	**8-0**	**4-6**	**66.7**	**60**	**1**	**0**	**205.67**

Rushing

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	0	0	0.0	0	0
2004	7	42	6.0	0	14
2005	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
Totals	**8**	**40**	**5.0**	**0**	**14**





#55

Mike Cook

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 315 • Sr.-2L
Friendswood, TX (Clear Brook HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Veteran lineman who is one of 4 returning starters in the trenches for Mizzou … Is the incumbent starter at right guard, and is expected to hold that position down during the 2006 season, as he enters fall camp atop the depth chart there … Has 25 career games and 11 career starts under his belt entering the 2006 season.

>> 2005 SEASON

Veteran lineman who earned the starting job at right guard, and was a steady force on a line that returned only 2 starters from the previous season … Played in all 12 games as a first-year starter, and started 11 of them at the right guard spot, helping pave the way for QB Brad Smith to put up another record-setting season … His solid play was a major factor in MU's offense ranking 17th nationally in rushing (205.25 ypg).

>> 2004 SEASON

Saw action in 9 games as a reserve strong-side guard, and got great experience as he developed into a dependable player in the trenches for Mizzou.

>> 2003 SEASON

Saw action in 4 games as a reserve guard, against Ball State, Eastern Illinois, Texas A&M and Iowa State.

>> 2002 SEASON

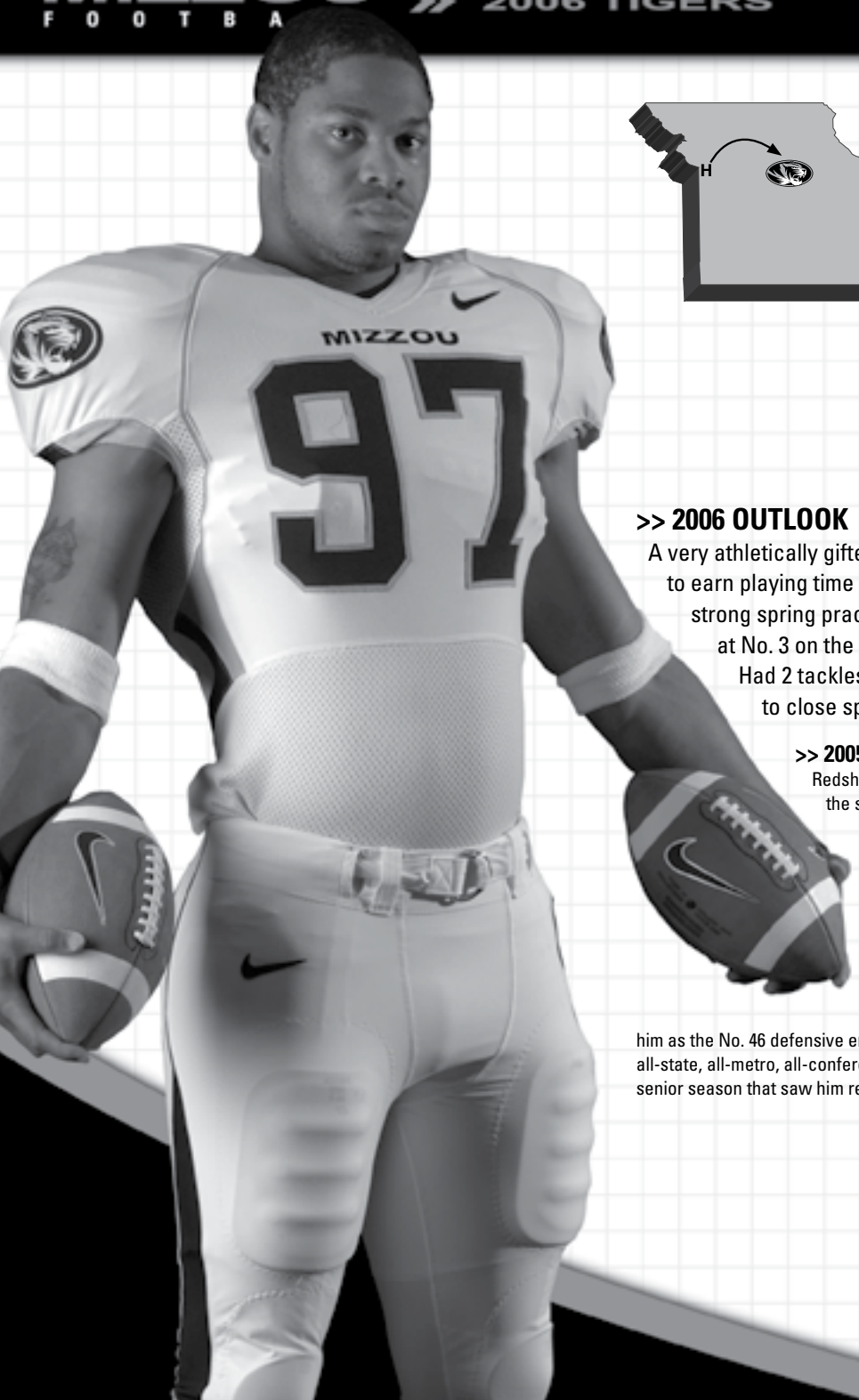
Redshirt season … Was part of the offensive scout team, and earned scout team player of the week award for his work in preparation for Troy State.

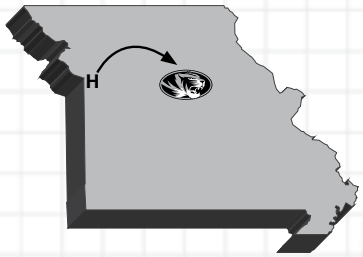
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Rated among the top-85 offensive line prospects in the country by Rivals.com … First-team all-state selection by the Football Coaches and Writers Association … Voted two-time Clear Brook High School Offensive Lineman of the Year … Team captain and offensive most valuable player as a senior, finishing with 65 pancake blocks … Three-time all-district selection … Was also a four-year letterwinner in track and field … District champion in the shot put and school record holder in both the shot and discus … Threw the shot 55-5 feet and the discus 161-3 feet … High school coach – James Smith.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Jesse and Shawn Cook … Father is a supervisor, mother is a sales rep … Is majoring in hotel and restaurant management at Mizzou.





#97

Tarrell Corby

Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 230 • RS-Fr.
Kansas City, MO (North HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A very athletically gifted defensive end prospect who looks to earn playing time as a redshirt freshman after posting a strong spring practice period … Enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at one end position … Had 2 tackles during the 2006 Black & Gold Game to close spring ball.

>> 2005 SEASON

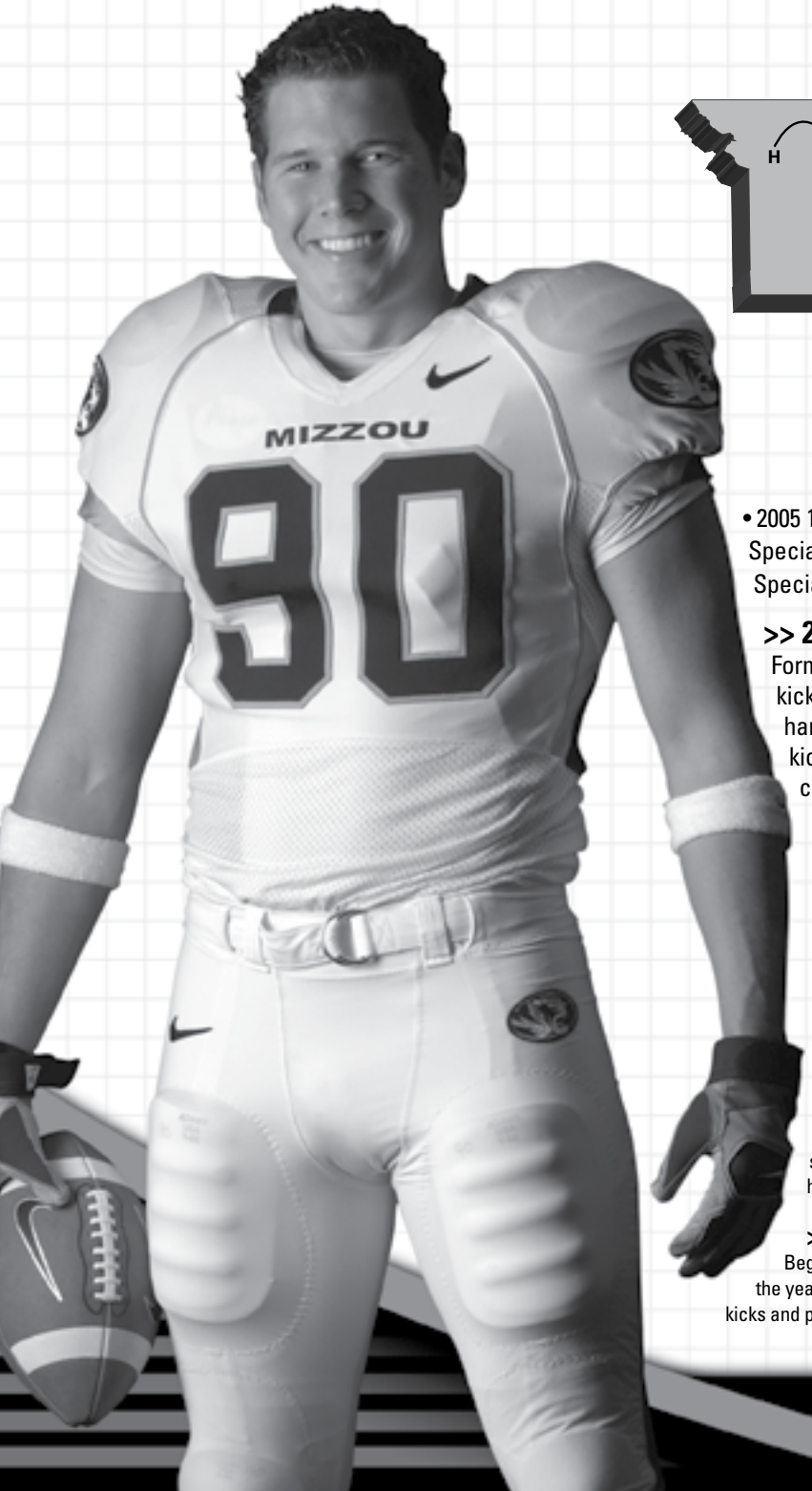
Redshirt season … Was very impressive as part of the scout team throughout the season.

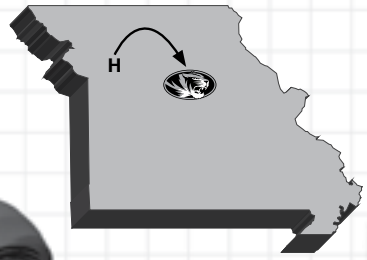
>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most athletic players in MU's class who terrorized opposing offenses as a defensive end … Is ranked as the No. 4 overall prospect in the state of Missouri in 2005, and also as the No. 21 weakside defensive end in the nation, according to Rivals.com … SuperPrep rates him as the No. 46 defensive end prospect in the nation … Earned 1st-Team all-state, all-metro, all-conference and all-district honors after a monster senior season that saw him record 116 tackles and 10 QB sacks … Also forced 3 fumbles on the season and recovered 1 fumble while being named the MVP of his defense … Had 87 tackles as a junior, including 8 QB sacks and also created 2 fumbles … Was his team's defensive MVP that year, as well, and was named 1st-Team all-district and honorable mention all-conference … Credited by his coach with having a stellar work ethic and a motor that never quits … Also ran track for his school in the spring, running on the 4x100 and 4x200 teams, as well as the 100 meters … High school coach – Chad Valadez.

>> PERSONAL

Son of William Bedell & Beatrice Todd … Chose MU over Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State and Tulsa, among others … Lists hobbies as lifting weights and eating … Academic interest lies in business management.





#90

Adam Crossett

Placekicker/Punter
6-3 • 230 • Jr.-2L
Liberty, MO (Liberty HS.)

• 2005 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 • 2005 Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 17) • 2005 Team Special Forces Player of the Year

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Former walk-on who has turned into a dependable kicking triple threat and who has the inside track on handling all of Mizzou's placekicking, punting and kickoff duties once again … Is listed atop the depth chart entering the fall at both the placekicker and punter positions … Averaged 44.0 yards punting during the 2006 Spring Game, and also made a 34-yard field goal in the offense's 60-43 victory.

>> 2005 SEASON

Was MU's special teams Mr. Everything, as he handled all of MU's placekicking, punting and kickoffs for most of the season …Was named the team's special forces player of the year, to go along with his 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors received … Connected on 14-of-20 field goals, averaged a respectable 42.7 yards per punt, made 39-of-42 extra points on the year and proved to be a weapon on kickoffs… His 81 points on the season broke the MU single-season record for kickers… Ranked 6th in the Big 12 with his average of 1.17 FGs per game.

>> 2004 SEASON

Began the season as MU's primary kickoff man, but by the time the year ended, he was handling all three duties – kickoffs, place-kicks and punts… Was named 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12, as well.

>> 2003 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Played football and tennis at Liberty High School … Booted a school-record 45-yard field goal and was named his team's special teams most valuable player as a senior… Was his school's valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 grade point average … High school coach – Pat Hansen.

>> PERSONAL

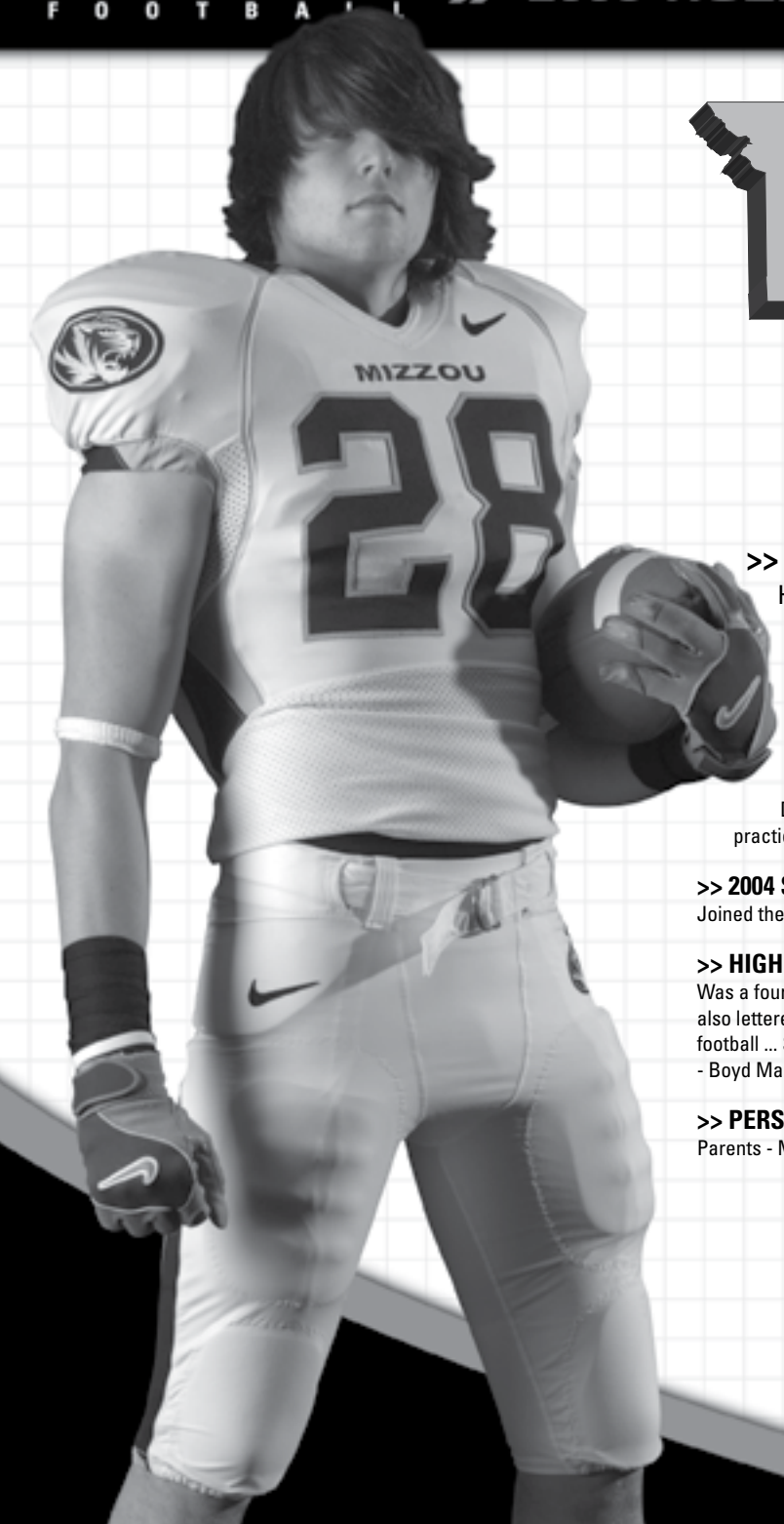
Son of John & Gretchen Crossett … Sister, Carrie, was a former soccer player at MU, and was married to assistant coach David Yost in June of 2005… Majoring in marketing at Mizzou.

CROSSETT CAREER STATISTICS

	Field Goals				PATs	
	G-GS	Made-Att.	Pct.	Long	Made-Att.	Pct.
2004	11-3	1-3	.333	25	2-2	1.000
2005	12-12	14-20	.700	50	39-42	.929
Totals	**23-15**	**15-23**	**.652**	**50**	**41-44**	**.932**

	Field Goals				
	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
2004	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0
2005	1-1	4-6	4-5	4-7	1-1
Totals	**1-1**	**5-7**	**4-5**	**4-9**	**1-1**

	Punting							
	G	Punts-Yds.	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	50+	I20
2004	3-3	23-907	39.4	58	2	2	3	5
2005	10-10	57-2432	42.7	61	2	5	13	17
Totals	**13-13**	**80-3339**	**41.7**	**61**	**4**	**7**	**16**	**22**



#28

Adam Casey

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 195 • So.-Sq.
Chesterfield, MO (Parkway West HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Hardworking walk-on receiver who enters fall camp looking to move up the depth chart at the X-receiver position … Had a good showing during spring ball, and ended the practice period by catching 1 pass in the 2006 Black & Gold Game.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see game action, working on the offensive scout team in practice throughout the year.

>> 2004 SEASON

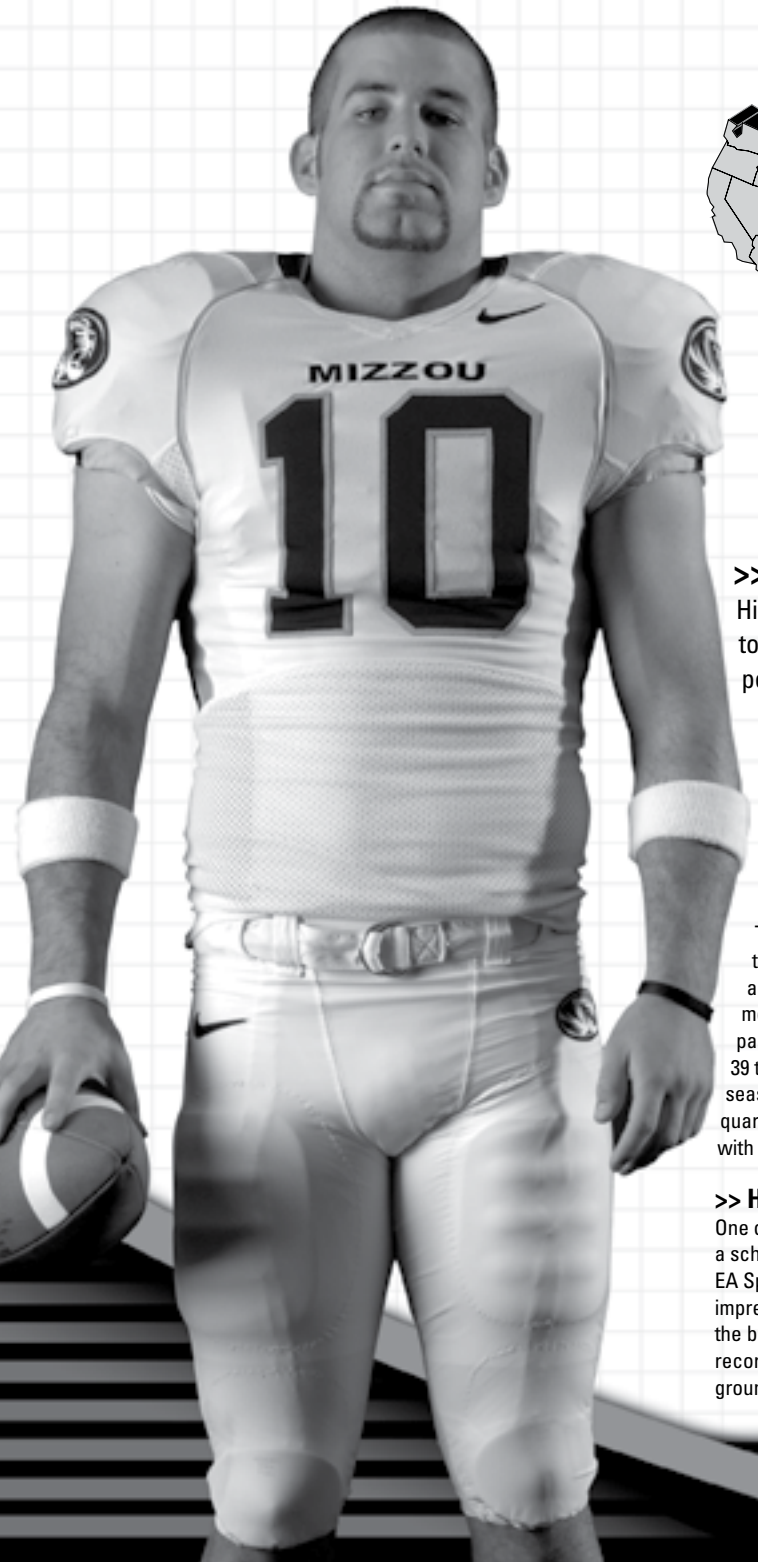
Joined the team as a walk-on, and took a redshirt season.

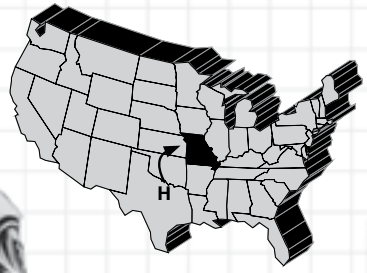
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a four-year letterwinner at Parkway West High School in football, and also lettered twice in lacrosse ... Nabbed four interceptions as a senior in football ... Served as the captain for his lacrosse team ... High school coach - Boyd Manne.

>> PERSONAL

Parents - Michael & Kerry Casey ... Intends to major in biology at Mizzou.





#10

Chase Daniel

Quarterback
6-1 • 220 • So.-1L
Southlake, TX (Carroll HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Highly regarded quarterback who has the inside track to being the successor to Brad Smith at the signal caller position for Mizzou … Enters fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart at quarterback, after a strong spring camp that he capped with a virtually flawless performance at the 2006 Black & Gold Spring Game … Completed 11-of-12 passes in the scrimmage for 120 yards and 2 TDs with no interceptions.

>> 2005 SEASON

The 2004 EA Sports National High School Player of the Year who won the backup job in fall camp, despite his true freshman status … Saw action in 10 games, as Tiger coaches tried to give him a series or two in most games to prepare him for the future … Completed nearly 60% of his passes, going 38-of-66 for 347 yards and 1 TD, with 2 INTs … Also rushed 39 times for 57 yards and 1 TD … Did more than just prepare for next season against Iowa State, as he relieved an injured Brad Smith in the 4th quarter of the Iowa State game, and rallied Mizzou from a 10-point deficit with just 8 minutes left, as the Tigers won in overtime, 27-24.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most highly accomplished high school athletes to ever accept a scholarship to Mizzou, who came to MU after being named the 2004 EA Sports National High School Player of the Year on the strength of impressive team and individual accomplishments … Proved to be one of the best dual-threat QBs in the country over the last two years, as he led a record-setting offensive attack that was deadly both in the air and on the ground … Ranked as the No. 3 quarterback prospect nationally, according to analyst Max Emfinger … Led his Southlake Carroll team to a perfect 16-0 record in 2004 and a Class 5A state championship, in addition to a No. 1 national ranking and mythical national championship by numerous publications, including USA Today and Student Sports Magazine …Was a two-time state Class 5A player of the year, winning the award in each of his last two years … More honors include: EA Sports 1st-Team All-American (multipurpose) in 2004; Parade All-American in 2004; 1st-Team all-state in 2003 and 2004; 1st-Team all-district and all-area in 2003 and 2004, among many others … Won 2nd-Team all-district honors as a wide receiver in 2002, as he caught 53 passes for 675 yards… High school coach – Todd Dodge, who was a standout college QB with the University of Texas.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Bill & Vickie Daniel … Chose MU over Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Maryland, Stanford and many others … An outstanding student who was a member of National Honor Society and a member of his school's student council for multiple years … Academic interest lies in business finance.

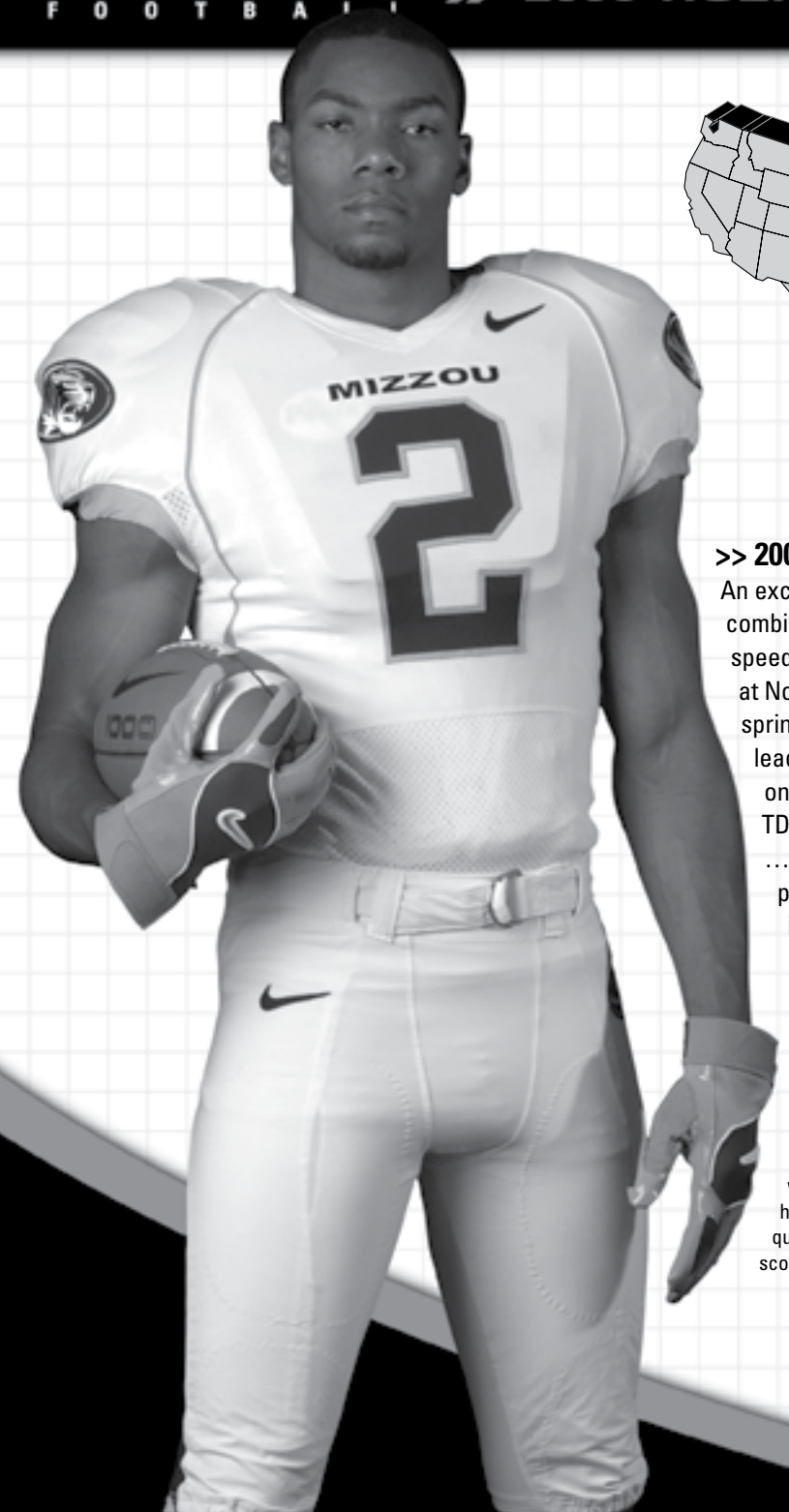
DANIEL CAREER STATISTICS

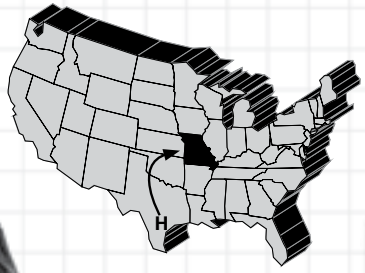
Passing

	G-GS	Comp.-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	INTs	Rating
2005	10-0	38-66	57.6%	347	1	2	100.68
Totals	**10-0**	**38-66**	**57.6%**	**347**	**1**	**2**	**100.68**

Rushing

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	39	57	1.5	1	8
Totals	**39**	**57**	**1.5**	**1**	**8**





#2

Connell Davis

Tailback
6-3 • 205 • RS-Fr.
Portland, TX (Gregory-Portland HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

An exciting tailback prospect who possesses a great combination of size and strength but who also has the speed to be an impact player … Enters fall camp listed at No. 5 on the depth chart at the tailback spot after a spring where he made good impressions … Was the leading rusher in the Black & Gold Game, with 44 yards on 11 carries … Also scored the game's only rushing TD of the day on a 7-yard scamper in the 4th quarter … Was at full strength in time for the spring practice period, after he had offseason surgery to repair injuries in both his left knee and right shoulder.

>> 2005 SEASON

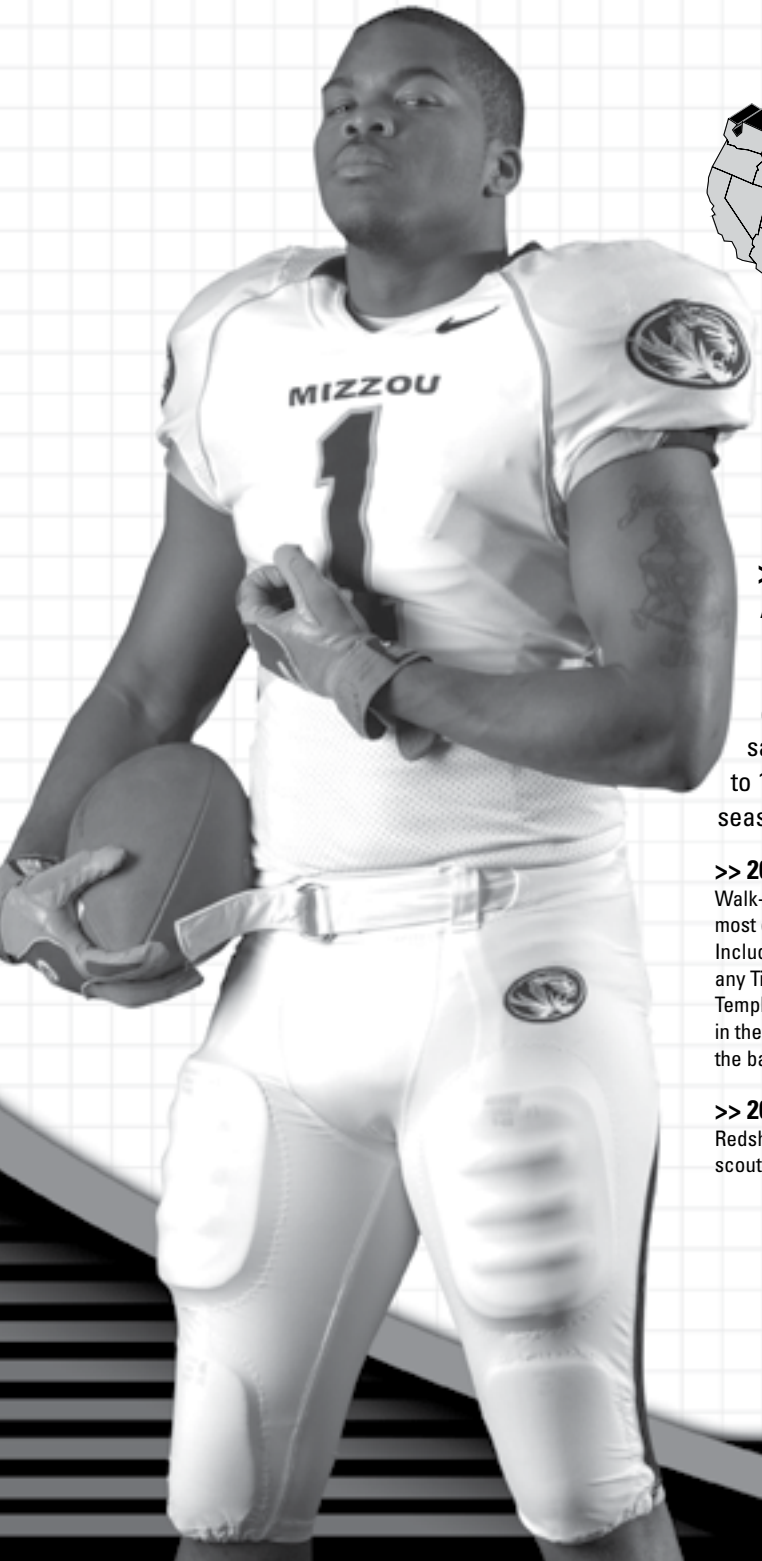
Redshirt season … Was very impressive throughout the year running with the scout team offense.

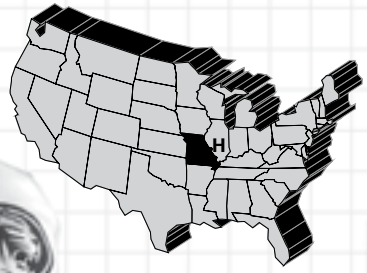
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the No. 38 tailback prospect in the country, and the No. 78 prospect at any position out of the state of Texas by Rivals.com … Ran for over 4,000 yards in his high school career, while playing for Gregory-Portland High School … Helped lead his team to an undefeated regular season in 2004, and a state quarterfinal showing in Class 4A … Rushed for 2,029 yards and scored 28 TDs, in being named a 1st-Team all-state running back by the Texas Sports Writers Association and also earned team offensive MVP honors … Was a two-year team captain … Was a 2nd-team all-district running back as a junior, when he rushed for 1,156 yards and scored 17 TDs in helping lead his school to the 2nd of 3 straight district titles … Earned All-Metro newcomer of the year honors as a sophomore after rushing for 1,246 yards and 16 TDs in helping lead his team to the state semifinals … Has also been a standout in track, as he held the 2nd-fastest times in South Texas in the 100 and 200 meters with times of 10.76 and 21.59, respectively … Also won the Texas Relays long jump competition with a leap of 22-09.25 … High school coach – George Harris.

>> PERSONAL

Son of John & Shannon Boesen … Was born in Philadelphia, PA, and grew up a Penn State fan, as his mother attended PSU … Chose MU over Colorado, TCU, Baylor, Penn State and UTEP, among others … Lists hobbies as fishing, hunting and surfing … Academic interest lies in studying occupational therapy.





#1

Kevin Duncan

Free Safety
5-10 • 200 • So.-Sq.
O'Fallon, IL (Township HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Athletic walk-on who moved to safety in the spring, after playing as a scout team tailback for the previous two seasons … Enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at the free safety position, after playing strong safety during the spring … Changed his jersey number to 1 during the spring, after wearing 15 the previous two seasons.

>> 2005 SEASON

Walk-on tailback who saw action in 1 game of the season, and made the most of his opportunity, as he carried 2 times against Troy for 33 yards … Included in that total was a 37-yarder he broke off, which was longer than any Tiger had on the season, with the exception of Brad Smith and Tony Temple … Had a solid spring practice period that saw him lead all rushers in the 2005 spring game, with 48 yards and a TD … Also caught a pass out of the backfield that went for 22 yards.

>> 2004 SEASON

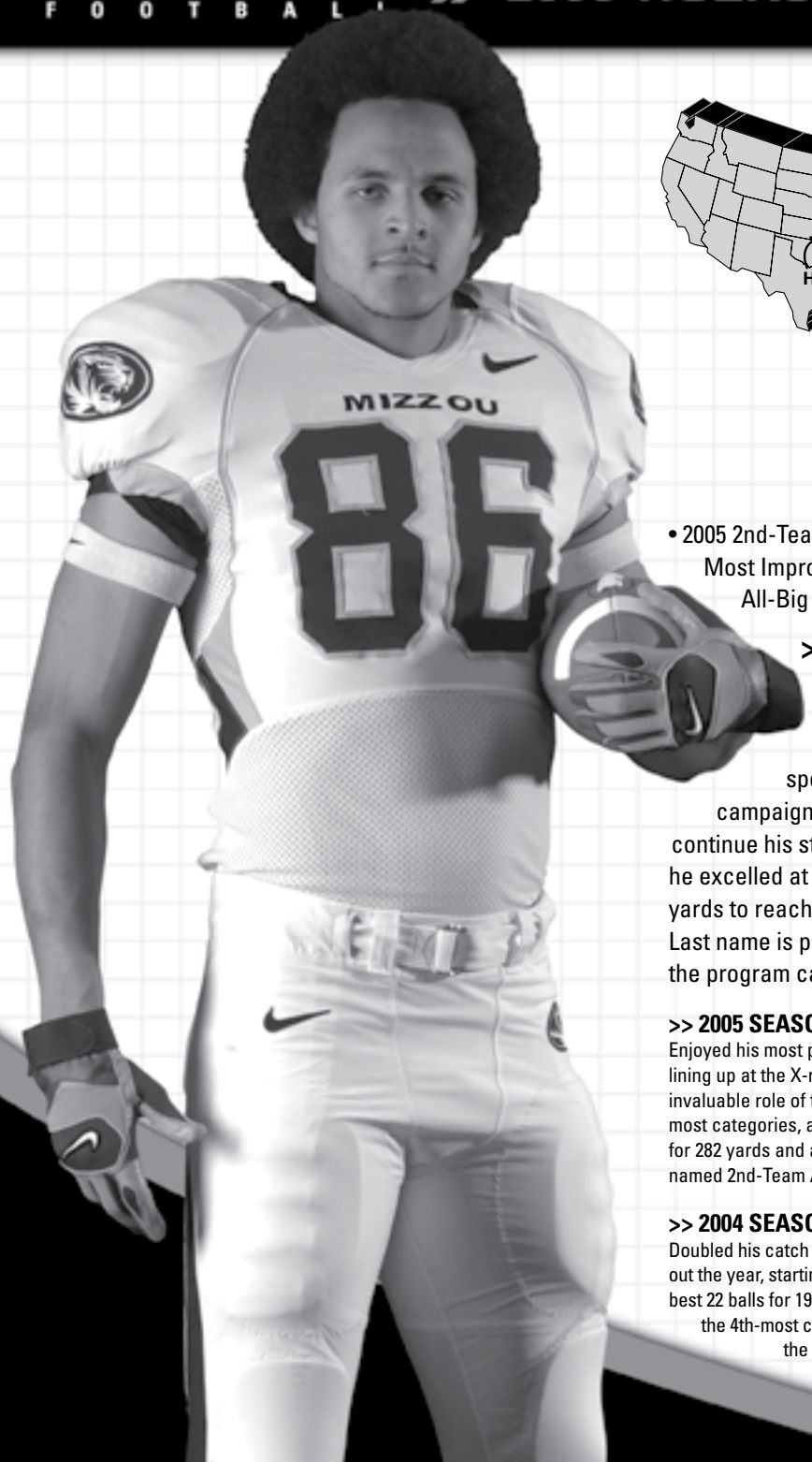
Redshirt season … Joined the team as a walk-on and was a member of the scout team offense.

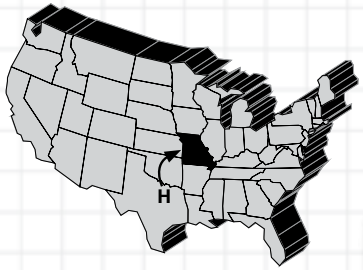
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a standout tailback at Township High School, as he was a 1st-Team All-Conference performer as a senior, with 1,150 yards rushing and 15 TDs … As a junior, he rushed for 400 yards and 6 TDs, and also contributed on defense with 30 tackles and 4 forced fumbles … Also participated in basketball and track for his school … High school coach – Todd Moeller.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Ames III and Patricia Duncan … Academic interest lies in marketing.





#86

Brad Ekwerekwu

Wide Receiver
6-4 • 215 • Sr.-3L
Arlington, TX (Arlington HS)

• 2005 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12 • Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Wide Receiver • 2004 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Silky-smooth wideout with deceptive speed and good hands who is a two-year starter and proven performer … Moves to the H-receiver spot this season after spending most of the 2005 campaign at the Z-receiver position … Is also likely to continue his stellar job of holding for placekicks, something he excelled at last season … Needs 35 catches and 395 yards to reach 100 catches and 1,000 yards for his career … Last name is pronounced ECK-whir-ECK-woo, but many in the program call him "Eck."

>> 2005 SEASON

Enjoyed his most productive season to date at the Z-receiver spot after lining up at the X-receiver position the previous two years ... Also served the invaluable role of the holder for placekicks… Had career high numbers in most categories, as he caught, ran and threw for a TD … Caught 32 passes for 282 yards and a team-best 4 TDs… An outstanding student who was named 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12 in 2005.

>> 2004 SEASON

Doubled his catch total from a year ago, and was a solid contributor throughout the year, starting all 11 games at the X-receiver spot … Caught a career-best 22 balls for 195 yards, good for an average of 8.9 yards per catch … Had the 4th-most catches on the team, and his yardage total was 5th-best on the squad… Was successful in the classroom, as well, as he was named 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12.

>> 2003 SEASON

True freshman receiver who had his redshirt burned in game No. 5 at Kansas, as Tiger coaches felt he was making enough plays in practice to warrant game opportunities … Had 11 catches for 128 yards on the year, including catches in each of his last 6 regular-season games … His 11.6 yards per catch averaged ranked 2nd-best on the team.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

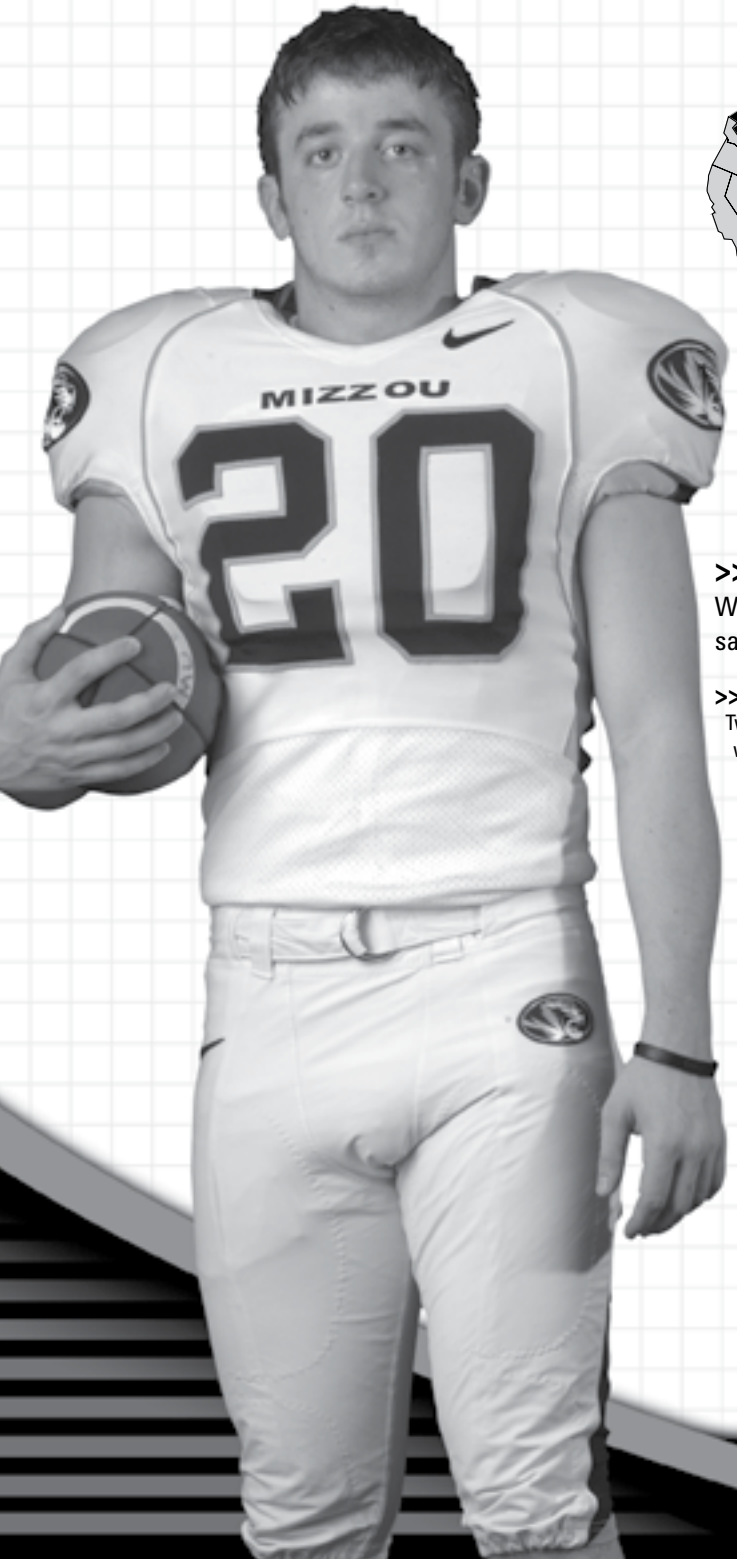
Top-40 national defensive back, according to Rivals.com rankings … Starred on both sides of the ball at Arlington High, where he was a 1st-team all-district wide receiver in 2002 … Caught 31 passes as a senior for 574 yards and 5 TDs … Also was a standout safety, where he had 4 interceptions as a senior… Also lettered in basketball and track … Member of National Honor Society … Chose MU over Kansas State, Colorado, Iowa, Georgia Tech and Northwestern, among others … High school coach – Mickey Finley.

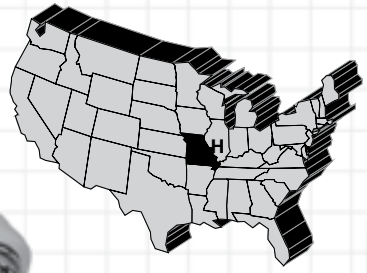
>> PERSONAL

Son of Ejoor Ekwerekwu & Robin Lake … Is majoring in finance and banking at Mizzou.

EKWEREKWU CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving						
	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rush-Yds	TD
2003	9-1	11	128	11.6	0	40	0-0	0
2004	11-11	22	195	8.9	0	35	0-0	0
2005	12-12	32	282	8.8	4	50	7-4	1
Totals	**32-24**	**65**	**605**	**9.3**	**4**	**50**	**7-4**	**1**





#20

Brandon Crouch

Safety
5-9 • 180 • RS-Fr.
Springfield, IL (Sacred Heart Griffin HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

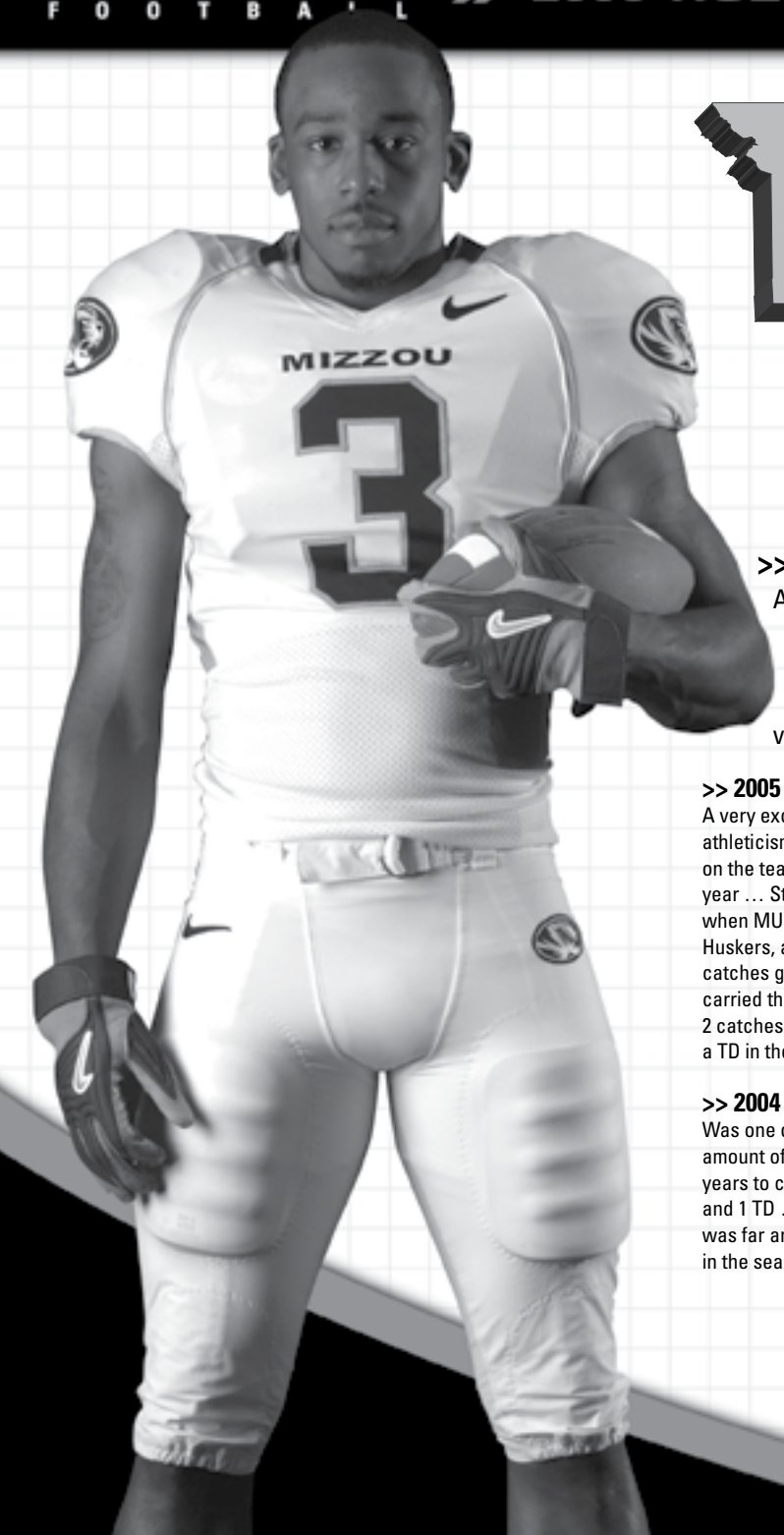
Walk-on Illinois native who will look to add depth at the safety position for the Tiger secondary.

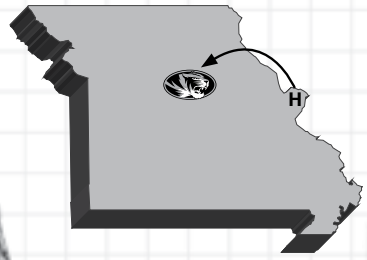
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Two-sport standout at Sacred Heart Griffin High School in Springfield, Ill., where he lettered three years each in the sports of football and track and field … Earned 1st-Team all-conference honors on the gridiron as a senior defensive captain, leading the team in tackles … Was an all-conference special mention honoree as a junior … Was a two-time all-conference performer on the oval, qualifying for the state championships twice each in both the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles … High school coach – Ken Leonard.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Steven & Patricia Crouch … Intends to pursue a degree in marketing from MU's prestigious School of Business … Lists hobbies outside of football involving music and running.





#3

William Franklin

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 210 • Jr.-2L
St. Louis, MO (Vashon HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A game-breaker wideout who is looking to build on his standout sophomore season … Is expected to be a main weapon in MU's offensive attack in 2006, and he is switching to the X-receiver spot that was vacated by the departed Sean Coffey.

>> 2005 SEASON

A very exciting receiver who used his rare blend of speed, strength and athleticism to excel at the H-receiver spot as a sophomore … Ended 4th on the team with a career-high 40 catches for 413 yards and 2 TDs on the year … Started 11 games, with the only non-start coming against Nebraska, when MU opened in a 2-tight end set … Had a stellar game against the Huskers, as he caught a career-best 9 passes for 94 yards – with 7 of his catches going for 1st downs (3 on 3rd-down and 1 on 4th-down) …Also carried the ball 8 times and picked up 17 net yards in those tries … Made 2 catches for 31 yards at Colorado, including a beautiful sliding 18-yarder for a TD in the 1st quarter that pulled MU to within 7-6 at the time.

>> 2004 SEASON

Was one of only two true freshmen to play in 2004, and despite a limited amount of catches (6), showed the potential to be a top-tier receiver for years to come … Played in all 11 games, and had 6 catches for 174 yards and 1 TD … His per-catch average was an impressive 29.0 yards, which was far and away the best on the team in 2004 … Had his redshirt taken off in the season opener.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

The No. 40 national wide receiver prospect (Rivals.com) who ranked as the No. 8 overall prospect in Missouri by Rivals.com after his senior season… Transferred to Vashon prior to his junior year from Beaumont High School, but was forced to sit out a year due to transfer rules … As a sophomore at Beaumont, had 367 yards receiving and 9 touchdowns and added 4 interceptions on defense as he was named all-league… High school coach – Reginald Ferguson.

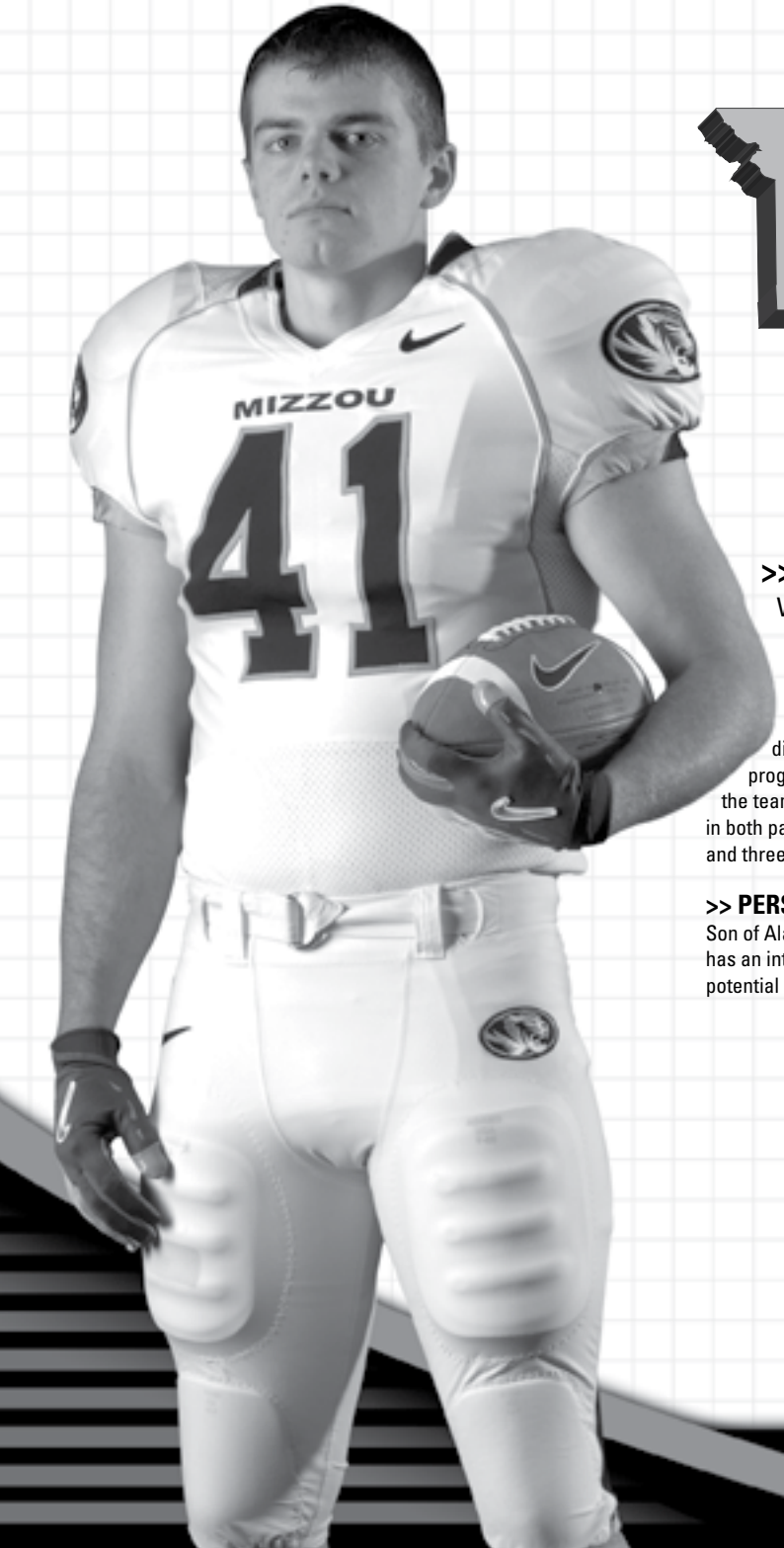
>> PERSONAL

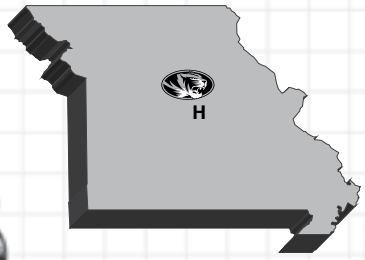
Son of William Franklin, Sr. & Tejauna Roach … Is the nephew of former standout NFL wide receiver Darnay Scott, whom he credits with inspiring him to pursue football … Academic interest lies in sports management … Chose MU over Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan State, among others.

FRANKLIN CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rush-Yds.
2004	11-0	6	174	29.0	1	46	0-0
2005	12-11	40	413	10.3	2	42	8-17
Totals	**23-11**	**46**	**587**	**12.8**	**3**	**46**	**8-17**





#41

Chris Gares

Wide Receiver
5-9 • 195 • RS-Fr.
Hartsburg, MO (Southern Boone HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

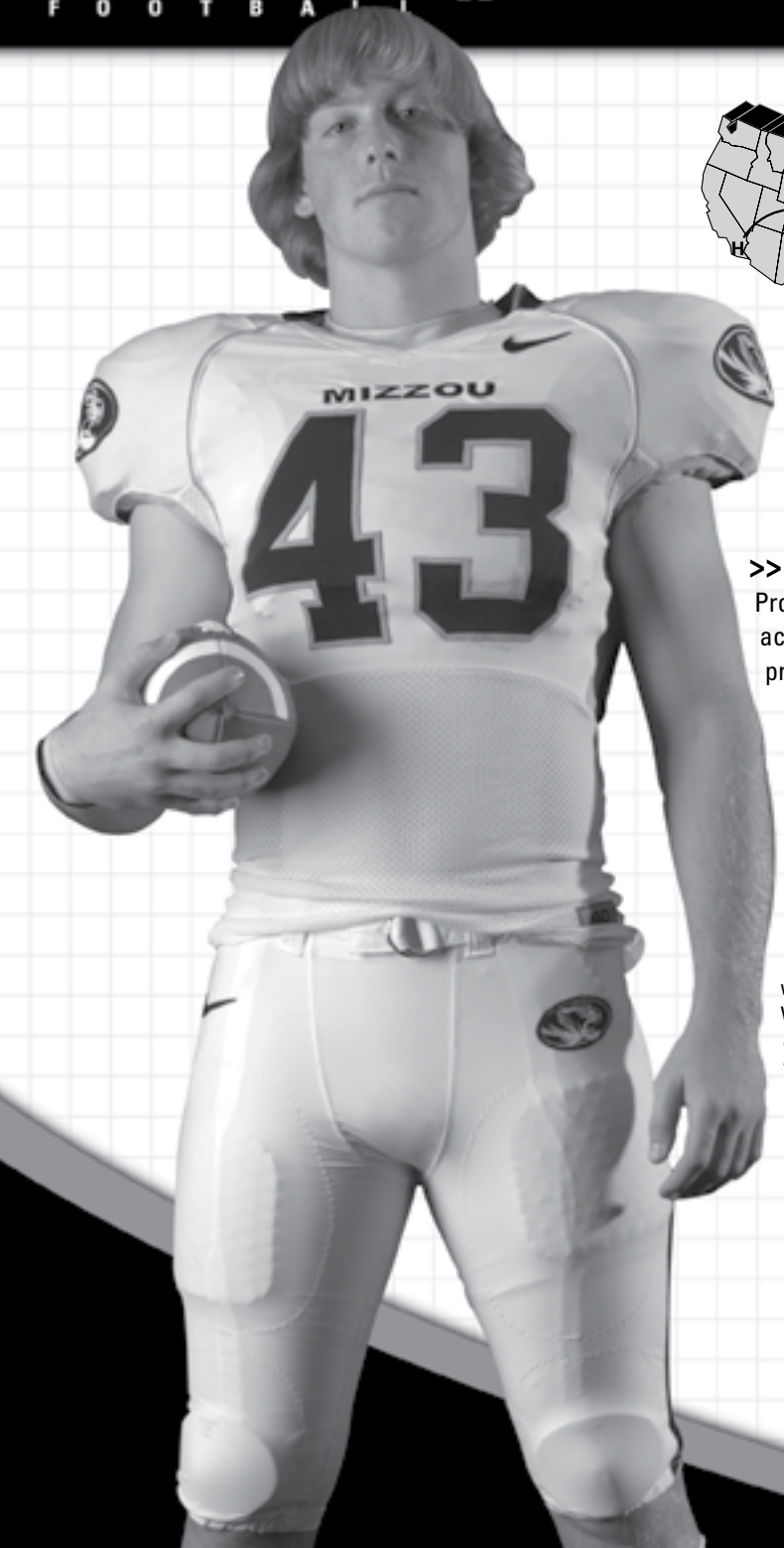
Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth at the wideout position for the Tigers.

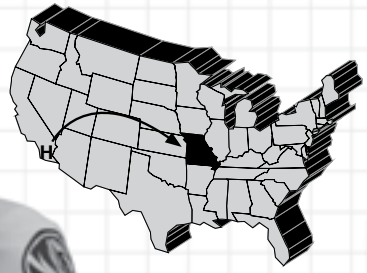
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport letterwinner at Southern Boone High School, which did not have the sport of football until the 2003 season … Joined the program for its inaugural season, and as a senior in 2004, served as the team captain and won offensive MVP honors after leading the team in both passing and rushing yardage … Also lettered four years in baseball and three more in basketball … High school coach – Mike Hall.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Alan & Iona Gares … Currently undecided on his degree plans, but has an interest in either education, business or nutrition and fitness, with a potential career goal of coaching basketball.





#43

Jon Gissinger

Tight End
6-2 • 230 • RS-Fr.
San Diego, CA (Poway HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Promising tight end prospect who is also an accomplished long snapper … Showed good progress throughout the spring period, and he capped his spring camp by catching 2 passes in the Black & Gold Game for 31 yards … Enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at tight end.

>> 2005 SEASON

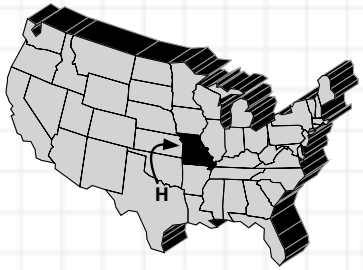
Redshirt season.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

An accomplished tight end and long snapper prospect from Poway High School in San Diego, Calif. … Is known as a physical player with excellent hands who works effectively in open space … Was an all-conference selection at tight end as a senior, catching 43 passes for 563 yards and 7 TDs … Also carried 8 times on the year for 68 yards … Was a team captain and earned team's most inspirational team award … As a junior in 2003, caught 8 passes for 1 TD and was named the league's special teams player of the year … Learned to long snap from his father, who was a standout offensive lineman at Syracuse University and a 5-year NFL veteran for the San Diego Chargers … Is also considered one of the top lacrosse players on the West Coast, who was recruited by virtually all high-profile lacrosse programs around the country … Had scholarship offer from defending national champion Syracuse for lacrosse, among many other schools … Was an all-state selection in lacrosse who was his league's defensive player of the year … High school coach – Damian Gonzalez.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Andrew III & Melissa Gissinger and Gloria Truitte … Father played offensive line for Syracuse collegiately, and later played professionally from 1982-86 for the NFL's San Diego Chargers … Chose MU over LSU, Arizona State, Maryland, Kansas, Hawaii and South Florida, among others … Plans to study marketing, and MU's brand new School of Business was a factor in his decision to attend Mizzou.



#7

Earl Goldsmith

Tailback
5-8 • 205 • So.-1L
Denton, TX (Ryan HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Strong and speedy running back with good vision who hopes to stay healthy this season after battling injury problems a year ago … Despite the injuries, still proved he could contribute, and he enters the fall practice period looking to move up from his current spot of No. 4 on the depth chart at tailback … Had off-season surgery to clean up a meniscus tear in his left knee, but was cleared for spring practice … Had a great performance in the Black & Gold Spring Game, as he averaged nearly 7 yards per carry (40 yards rushing on 6 attempts) … Is one of the better hoops players on the team, as he helped lead his 3-on-3 team to the championship in the football program's first-ever spring 3-on-3 tournament in 2005.

>> 2005 SEASON

Good-looking freshman tailback who was hampered by injury problems in his 1st year on the field … Sprained a knee in game #3 against Troy, and missed the next 5 games before returning for the final 4 outings, including MU's bowl game, where he ran 2 times for 12 yards overall … Rushed 4 times for 25 yards in the season opener against Arkansas State, but after the injury, did not carry the ball again until Mizzou's bowl game … His per-rush average of 6.2 yards for the season (37 yards on 6 carries) was tops among MU's top-line running backs … Opened the season as one of MU's primary return men, and had 41 combined return yards against ASU, returning 1 kickoff 25 yards and 2 punts 16 total yards … Had 11 punt returns in all for 58 yards, with a long of 12 coming against Baylor … Had 2 total kickoff returns for 42 yards.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Worked as a tailback on the scout team, and showed promising skills throughout the season.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Helped lead school to four consecutive Class 4A title game appearances … Named 1st-team all-state by the Texas Sports Writers Association and the district 6-4A most valuable player after a senior year that saw him amass 1,978 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns … Also caught 24 passes out of the backfield for 333 yards and 8 TDs as Ryan finished as state runner up in 2003 … Helped lead Ryan to state title as a junior, as he contributed with 1,179 yards rushing and 12 TDs, while adding 30 catches for 266 yards and 1 score … Also a multiple-year letterwinner in the sport of basketball … High school coach – Joey Florence.

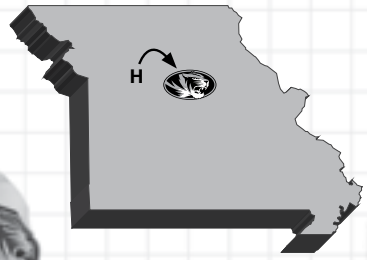
>> PERSONAL

Son of Herman & Sandra Goldsmith … Chose MU over Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, Rice and Tulsa, among others.

GOLDSMITH CAREER STATISTICS

	Rushing				
	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	7-0	6-37	6.2	0	11
Totals	**7-0**	**6-37**	**6.2**	**0**	**11**

	Punt Returns				Kickoff Returns			
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
2005	11	58	5.3	12	2	42	21.0	25
Totals	**11**	**58**	**5.3**	**12**	**2**	**42**	**21.0**	**25**



#78

Kurtis Gregory

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 305 • RS-Fr.
Blackburn, MO (Santa Fe HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

An impressive physical specimen who has the size, quickness and skills to be an impact player … Enters his redshirt freshman season listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at left tackle prior to fall camp … Entered spring listed on the depth chart at left guard, but after the injury to incumbent starter Tyler Luellen at left tackle, Gregory took over and got invaluable experience at the spot, looking impressive in doing so … His family met with tragedy during the spring storm season, when his older sister's house was destroyed by a tornado … Thankfully, no-one was injured, and the Tiger football coaches later pooled together $1,000 to help aid the family as they began the rebuilding process.

>> 2005 SEASON

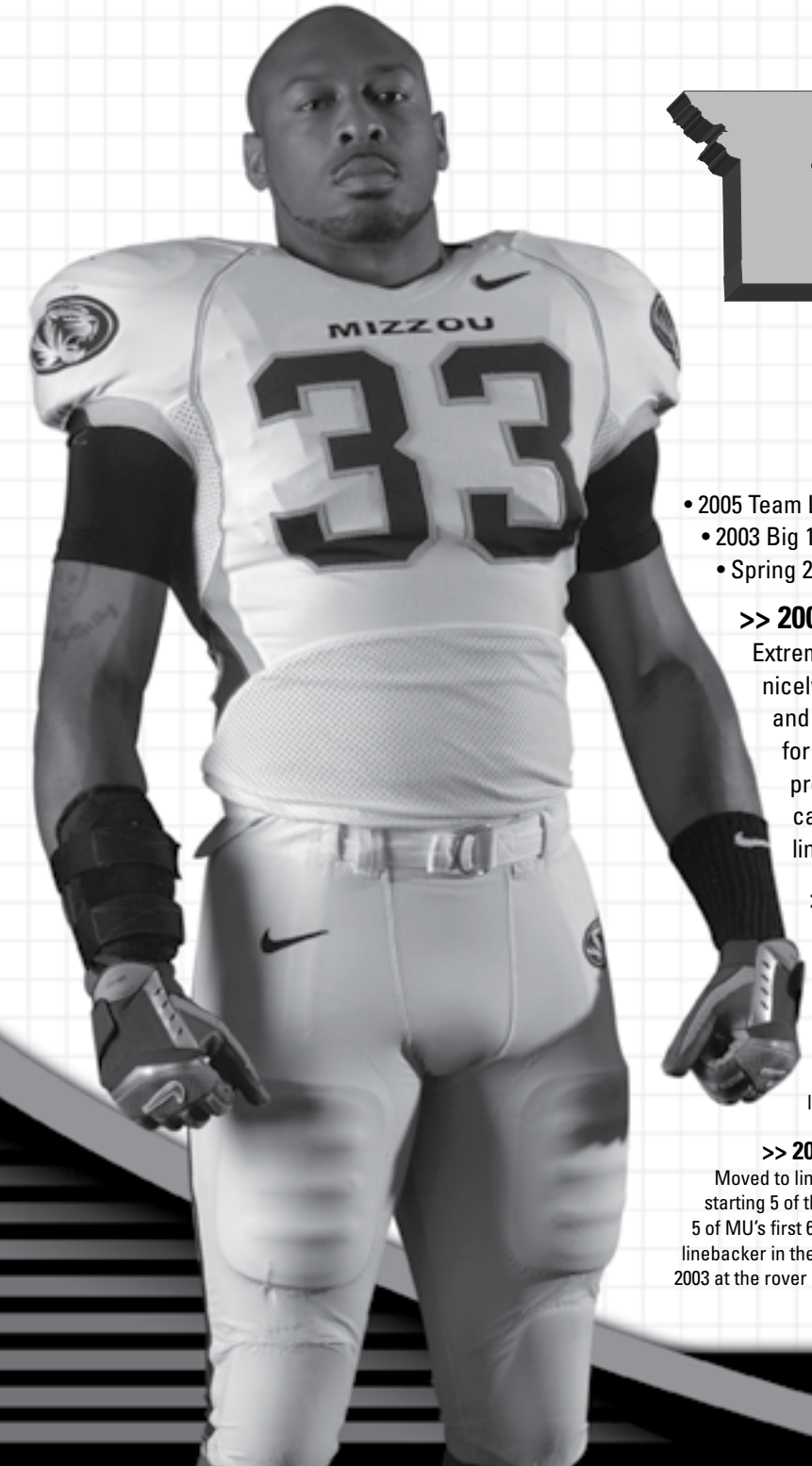
Redshirt season … Spent his 1st year getting acclimated to the program and practiced as part of the scout team.

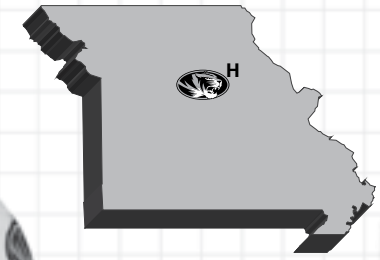
>> HIGH SCHOOL

A standout two-way lineman for Class 2 school Santa Fe … Ranked as the No. 41 defensive tackle prospect in the nation, according to Rivals.com, and as the No. 9 overall prospect in the state of Missouri for 2005 … Has strong footwork skills on the offensive line, and helped lead his school to a runner-up finish in Class 2 in both 2003 and 2004 … Santa Fe won conference championships every year but his sophomore season in 2002 … Displayed his athleticism by playing on Santa Fe's kickoff teams … Earned all-state honors three times offensively, and twice defensively … Was also a 1st-Team all-conference selection on offense three times, and defensively two times … Defensively, had 88 tackles as a senior, including 33 tackles for loss and 12 QB sacks … Had 71 stops as a junior, adding 12 QB sacks, as well … Named the KMZU Dream Team Defensive Player of the Year in both 2003 and 2004 … Is the first Division I player to come from Santa Fe High School … Is also a standout on the track for his school, as he has finished 5th in the state in the shot put (2004), and 7th and 8th in the discus (2003 and 2004, respectively) … Amazingly, despite his size, also run on his team's 4x100 relay team that won district and qualified for the state championships in 2004 … High school coach – Bill Fox & Jarrod Borland.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Roger & Ruth Gregory … Chose MU over Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska, among others … Lists hobbies as hunting, fishing, farm work and trap shooting … Plans to study agricultural economics or management at Mizzou.





#33

Dedrick Harrington

Linebacker
6-3 • 245 • Sr.-3L
Mexico, MO (Mexico HS)

- 2005 Team Linebacker of the Year
- 2003 Big 12 All-Freshman Team (Sporting News)
- Spring 2003 Team Most Improved Outside Safety

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Extremely gifted athlete who appears to have settled nicely into his middle linebacker role on the field, and is expected to be a leader on and off the field for his senior campaign … Is coming off his most productive year as a Tiger, and he enters fall camp perched atop the depth chart at the middle linebacker spot.

>> 2005 SEASON

Had a breakout season in his second year playing the Mike position, starting all 12 games there and registering career-high numbers in most categories … Ranked 5th on the team with 73 tackles, a career-high total, and was awarded the team's linebacker of the year award at the annual team banquet … Ranked 2nd on the team with 12.5 TFLs for 58 yards in losses, and 3 QB sacks (25 yards).

>> 2004 SEASON

Moved to linebacker and played in all 11 games, starting 5 of them, at the middle spot … Started in 5 of MU's first 6 games of the year … Switched to linebacker in the spring after a standout season in 2003 at the rover position.

>> 2003 SEASON

Named to the Big 12 All-Freshman by The Sporting News after totaling 64 tackles in 13 games (starting all 13) at the rover position.

>> 2002 SEASON

Redshirt year … Was named defensive scout player of the week for his efforts during the week of the Nebraska game.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

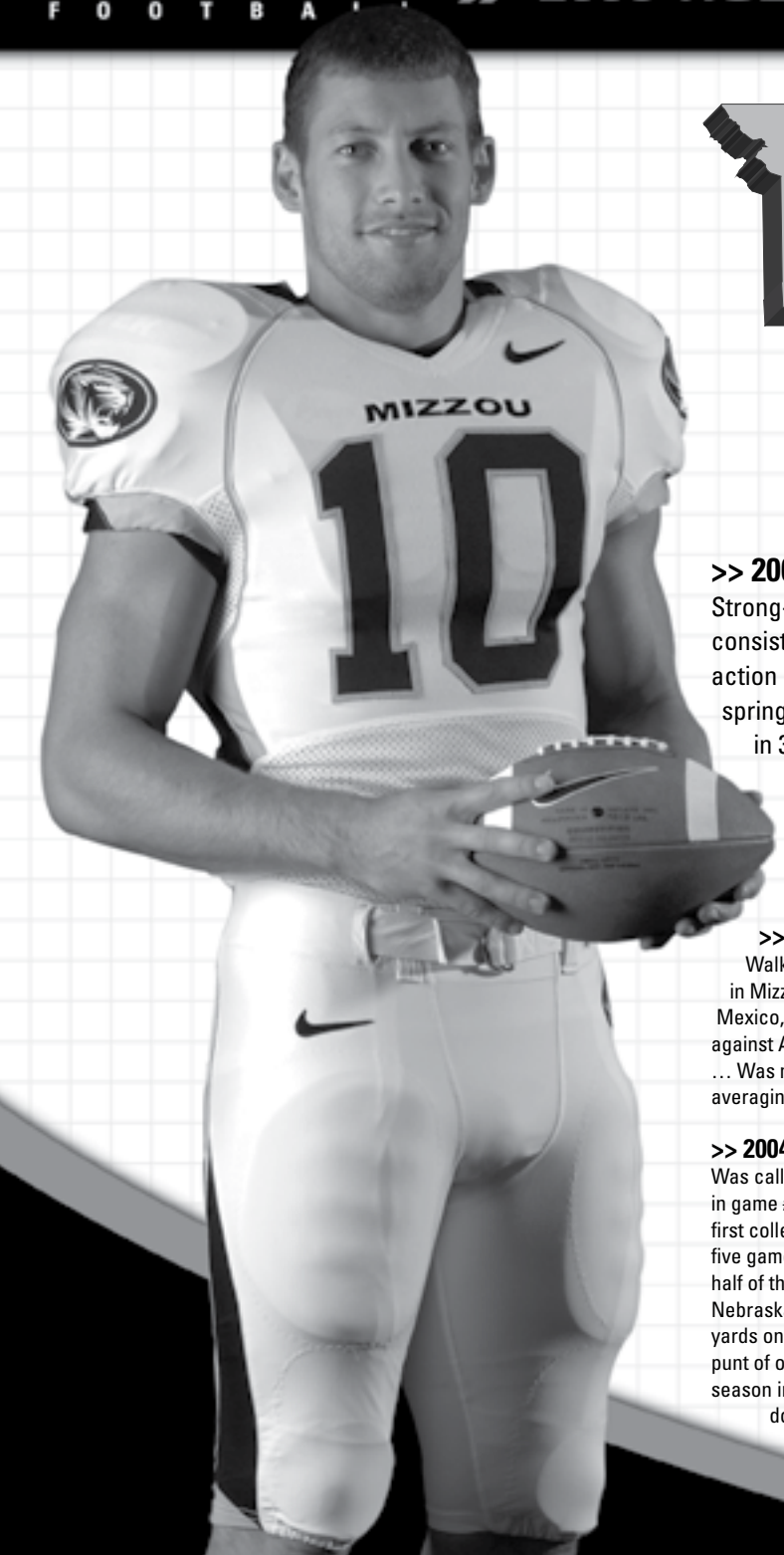
A standout wide receiver and safety at nearby Mexico High School … Rated among the top-10 athletes in the country by Rivals.com and as the No. 1 athlete in the MoKan region by MoKan.com … Ranked among the top-50 prospects in the nation by ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming … High School Coach – Todd Berck.

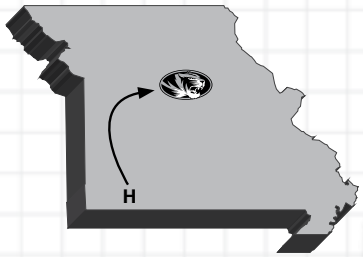
>> PERSONAL

Son of Randall and Denise Harrington … A national recruit who chose Mizzou over Notre Dame and Nebraska, among many others.

HARRINGTON CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles							
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds.	Sack-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2003	13-13	40-24	64	11-48	2-15	2-1	1-24	4	0
2004	11-5	22-21	43	4.5-16	1-8	1-0	0-0	0	0
2005	12-12	47-26	73	12.5-58	3-25	1-1	1-0	3	1
Totals	**36-30**	**109-71**	**180**	**28-122**	**6-48**	**4-2**	**2-24**	**7**	**1**





#10

Matt Hoenes

Punter
6-1 • 200 • Sr.-Sq.
Branson, MO (Branson HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Strong-legged punter who hopes to develop enough consistency to get into the rotation as a senior, after seeing action in 2 games during the 2005 season … Had a strong spring practice period, and he averaged 44.3 yards per punt in 3 attempts during the Black & Gold Spring Game … Enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart … Is an avid golfer who had a hole-in-one during the summer of 2005, as he aced the 214-yard 10th hole at A.L. Gustin Golf Course in Columbia, using a 4-iron.

>> 2005 SEASON

Walk-on punter who began the season as MU's 1st-stringer … Punted in Mizzou's 1st 2 games of the season versus Arkansas State and New Mexico, before giving way to Adam Crossett … Was solid in the opener against ASU, as he averaged 42.0 yards on 3 punts, with a long of 46 yards … Was moved to the backup role after game #2, as he had a rough night, averaging 11.5 yards on 2 punts.

>> 2004 SEASON

Was called into duty unexpectedly when veteran Brock Harvey went down in game #4 with a season-ending injury … Came in and did admirably in his first collegiate experience, as he averaged 36.6 yards on 31 punts, playing in five games during the middle stretch of the season … Took over in the 2nd half of the Colorado game, and handled MU's punting duties through the Nebraska game … Had his best outing at Texas, when he averaged 42.5 yards on 8 kicks, and unloaded a career-long of 61 yards … Had another punt of over 50 yards at Texas, and also had 4 of his 5 touchbacks on the season in that game … Had a 50-yarder as well at Baylor … Had 4 punts downed inside the opponents' 20 yardline, with two each coming in his final two games – against Oklahoma State and at Nebraska … With returning starter Brock Harvey out during the spring period due to surgery, took over the primary punting duties in his absence … Had 6 punts for an average of 28.5 yards in the Black & Gold Game.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

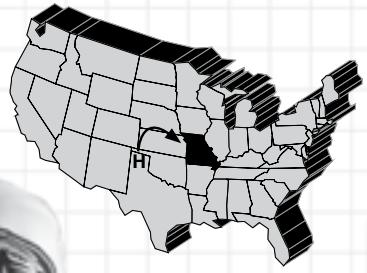
All-conference and all-district performer at running back, defensive back and punter for Branson High School … Held the school record for longest run from scrimmage, of 97 yards … Was selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C., in January of 2001 … High school coach – Steve Hancock.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Roger & Sheri Hoenes … Pursuing business studies at Mizzou.

HOENES CAREER STATISTICS

	G	Punts-Yds.	Avg.	Long	TB-FC	I20	50+
2004	5-5	31-1136	36.6	61	5-2	4	3
2005	2-2	5-149	29.8	46	0-0	0	0
Totals	**7-7**	**36-1285**	**35.7**	**61**	**5-2**	**4**	**3**



#94

Ziggy Hood

Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 285 • So.-1L
Amarillo, TX (Palo Duro HS)

• Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Physically mature defensive lineman who became a key contributor last year despite his true freshman status … With one more year of seasoning, is expected to develop even further and play a bigger role at the tackle position, where he is listed at No. 2 on the depth chart entering fall camp … Has taken off in the Tiger strength program, as he's worked hard to add 45 pounds to his frame since he first set foot on MU's campus … First name is Evander, but is known by most everyone (friends and family included) as Ziggy – a nickname given to him by his grandmother as a child.

>> 2005 SEASON

True freshman who came in and impressed from day one, and earned playing time despite his youth and inexperience … Saw action in all 12 games, registering 23 total tackles, including 2.5 TFLs (10 yards) and 1.5 QB sacks (9 yards) … Was credited with 2 tackles in Mizzou's Independence Bowl win over South Carolina, with both of them coming in the 4th quarter … The latter of the two was a huge stop on a 3rd-and-8 play from the MU 15-yardline that went for only 2 yards and forced USC to try a field goal that kept the score tied at 31 apiece … Had at least 2 tackles each in 8 straight games, from game #3 against Troy, through game #10 against Baylor, in which he recorded a season-best 5 tackles, and 1.5 QB sacks … Had 3 tackles at Colorado, and added 1 QB hurry … Notched 2 tackles against Nebraska, including his first collegiate tackle for loss.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

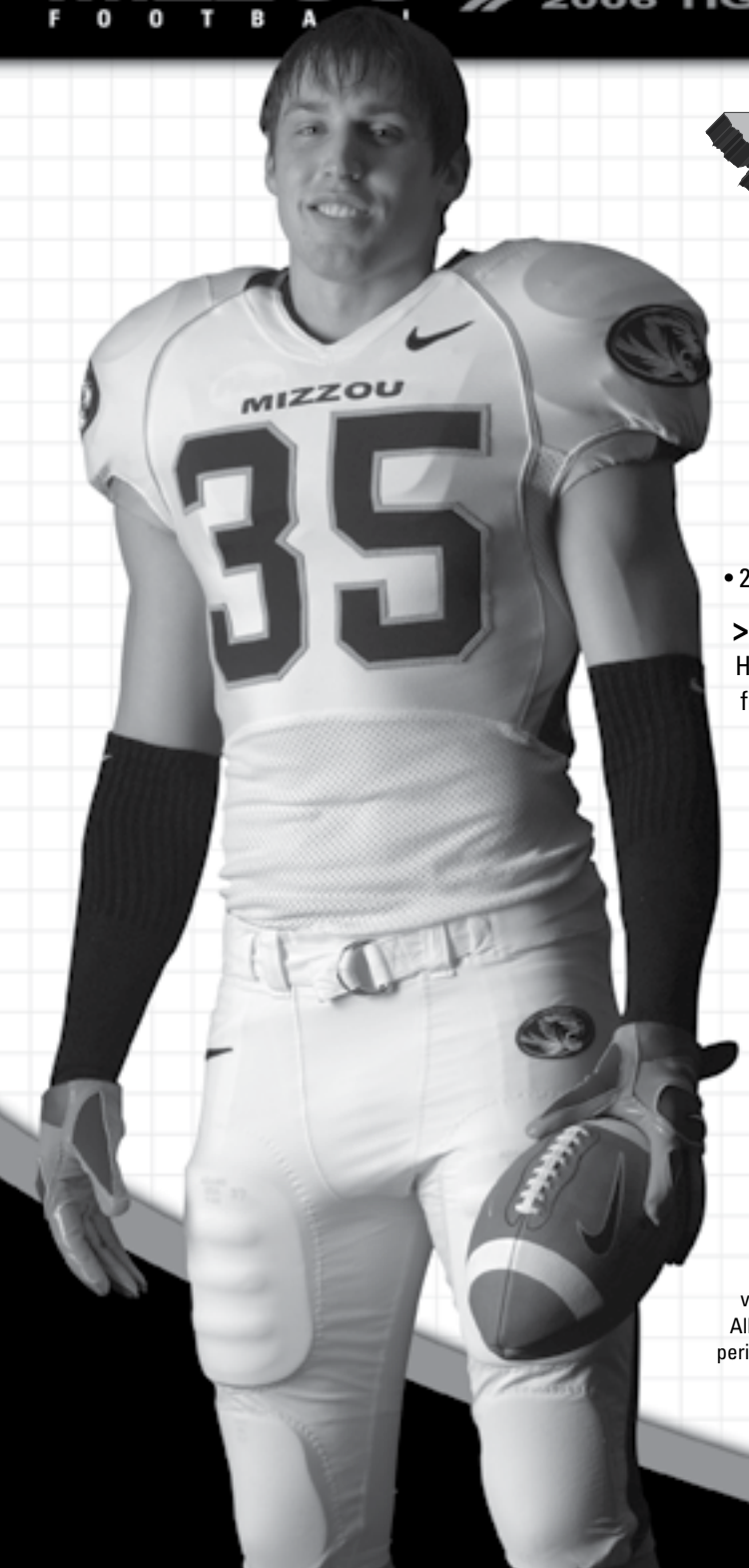
Highly-regarded athlete who excelled on defense and also played tight end for Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, Texas … Ranked as the No. 35 weakside defensive end in the nation, according to the experts at Rivals.com … Was named district 3-4A defensive player of the year as a senior, when he registered 93 tackles and 13 QB sacks … Also scored 3 defensive TDs on the year and recovered 3 fumbles … Earned all-district honors each of his last two years … Had 76 stops as a junior, including 5 QB sacks and also returned 1 interception for a TD … Threw the shot and discus for his school's track team … High school coach – Steve Parr.

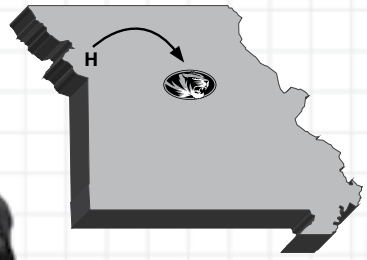
>> PERSONAL

Son of Charles Hood & Mary Payne … Chose MU over Arizona State, Oklahoma State, TCU, Texas-El Paso and Baylor, among others … Lists hobbies as fishing, video games and lifting weights … Solid student who was a member of national honor society … Academic interest lies in biology.

HOOD CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	QBH
2005	12-0	13-10	23	2.5-10	1.5-9	2
Totals	**12-0**	**13-10**	**23**	**2.5-10**	**1.5-9**	**2**





#35

Andrew Hoskins

Wide Receiver
6-3 • 215 • Sr.-1L
Plattsburg, MO (Plattsburg HS)

• 2004 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Hard-nosed and athletic walk-on receiver who looks to figure into the mix this season catching the ball, after missing the 2005 season due to injury … Has displayed excellent hands and route-running ability, in addition to nice physical skills in the past … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position after a strong spring camp that he capped with a solid 5-catch, 64-yard receiving outing in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game … One of those grabs was a 7-yard TD offering from QB Chase Daniel.

>> 2005 SEASON

Walk-on receiver who was in a position to contribute, but an injured shoulder suffered in fall camp knocked him out for the season … Entered fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position … Was having a productive spring camp before a knee sprain forced him to miss a majority of the spring period.

>> 2004 SEASON

Played in all 11 games on special teams and earned his first varsity letter … Made 4 special teams tackles, including 2 each in games versus Arkansas State and Kansas State … Earned 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors for his efforts in the classroom … Ended the spring period by catching 2 passes for 17 yards in the Black and Gold Game.

>> 2003 SEASON

Was a member of the scout team offense … Caught 2 passes in the spring Black and Gold Game for 8 yards.

>> 2002 SEASON

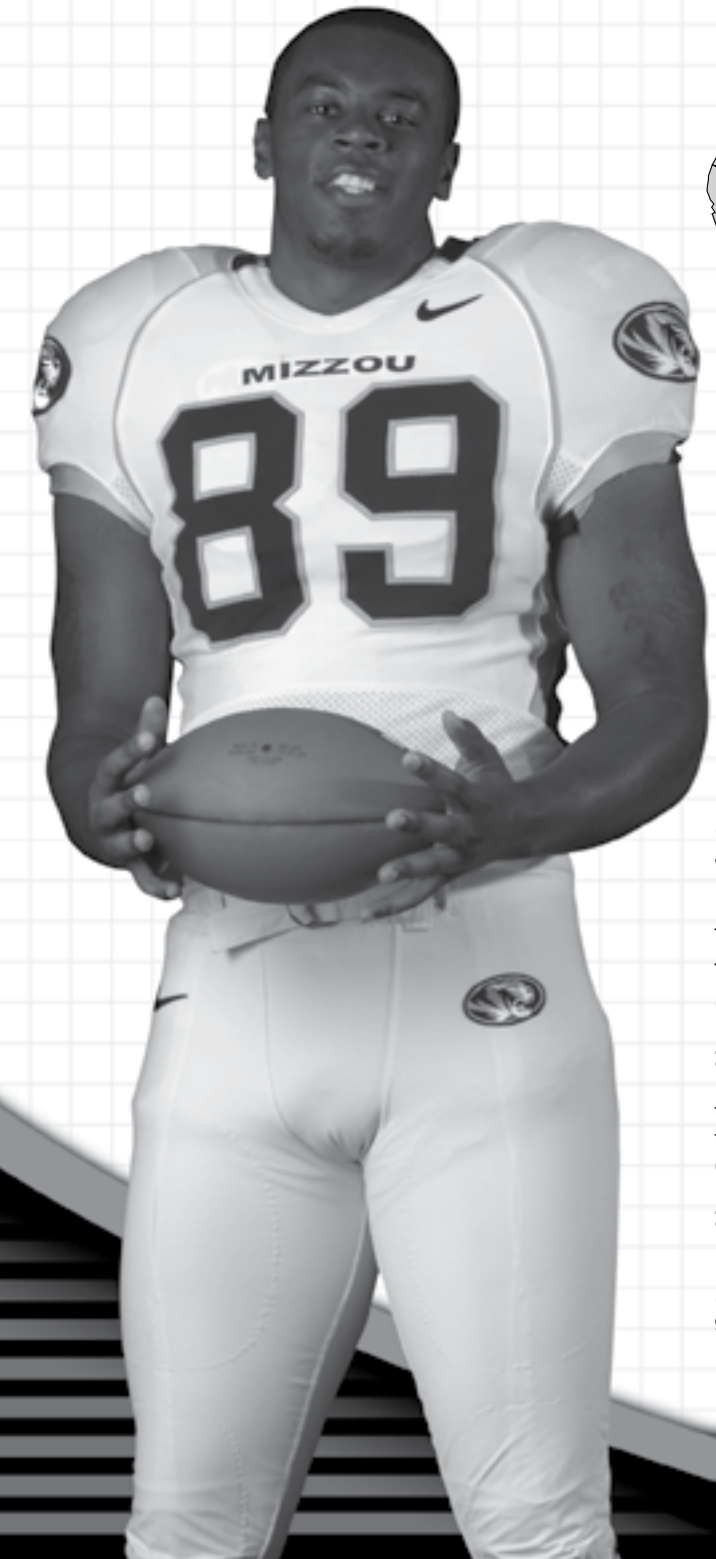
Redshirt season.

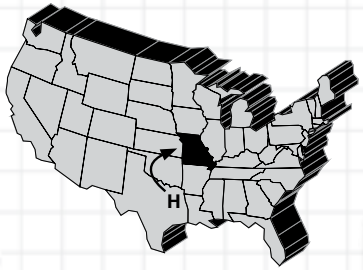
>> HIGH SCHOOL

All-around athlete who lettered in five different sports at Plattsburg High School, including football and basketball for four years, golf for two years and baseball and track for one year each … Was an all-conference and all-district split end as a senior in 2001 as he caught 24 passes for 496 yards and 8 TDs … Was the team's captain and also earned all-conference honors as a linebacker … Also earned all-conference and all-district honors as a split end during junior season … Grabbed 18 passes for 415 yards and 8 TDs as a junior … Played cornerback as a junior, and was also named all-conference at the position … Coach – Greg Smith.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Bo and Ann Hoskins … Intends to major in education.





#89

DeQuincy Howard

Tight End
6-4 • 250 • Sr.-2L
Tyler, TX (Tyler HS)

- Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Tight End
- Spring 2003 Team Most Improved Receiver

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A very athletic and talented tight end who has worked hard in the off-season conditioning program to set himself up for more playing time in his final year as a Tiger … Enters his final fall camp at Mizzou listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at tight end, and will likely also continue his valuable contributions on special teams during the season, as well … Had a strong spring camp that saw him named the team's most improved tight end … Caught 4 passes in the spring game for 29 yards, including a 4-yard TD pass to open the scoring on the day from QB Brandon Coleman.

>> 2005 SEASON

Played in all 12 games as a significant contributor on Mizzou's special teams … A very good all-around athlete who was part of a team that won the inaugural 3-on-3 basketball tournament that the football program held during the spring.

>> 2004 SEASON

Played in 10 games on the season and earned his 1st varsity letter … Played mostly on special teams in a variety of responsibilities … Did not catch a pass during the season … Changed his jersey to 89 after wearing 95 his first two years.

>> 2003 SEASON

Played in 9 games and caught 2 passes on the year for a total of 14 yards … Came up big at #19 Kansas State when he got loose in the corner of the endzone for a 2-yard TD pass from Brad Smith in the 2nd quarter to cut KSU's lead to 14-7 … Other catch on the year was a 12-yard catch-and-run vs. Eastern Illinois … Earned the team's most improved receiver award following the 2003 spring practice session.

>> 2002 SEASON

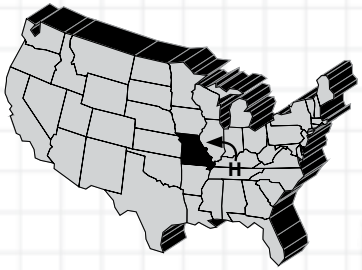
Redshirt year … Was named offensive scout player of the week for his work during the week of the Kansas game.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Rated among the top-60 tight ends in the country by Rivals.com … Played for a team that reached the state finals in 2001 … Was a second-team all-district performer and team captain as a senior … Earned honorable mention all-district honors as a junior … Caught seven passes in his career, with two of them going for touchdowns … Ran an impressive 4.68 40-yard dash at the Nike Camp after his senior season … High school coach – Allen Wilson.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Henry Hill and Andrea Howard … Intends to pursue a degree in law.



#32

Austin Huff

Tailback
5-8 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Brentwood, TN (Brentwood HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Walk-on tailback who gives the Tigers added depth and athleticism at the position … A good overall athlete who was part of the winning team in the football program's 2006 3-on-3 basketball tournament, along with teammates Tommy Saunders and Josh Barbo.

>> 2005 SEASON

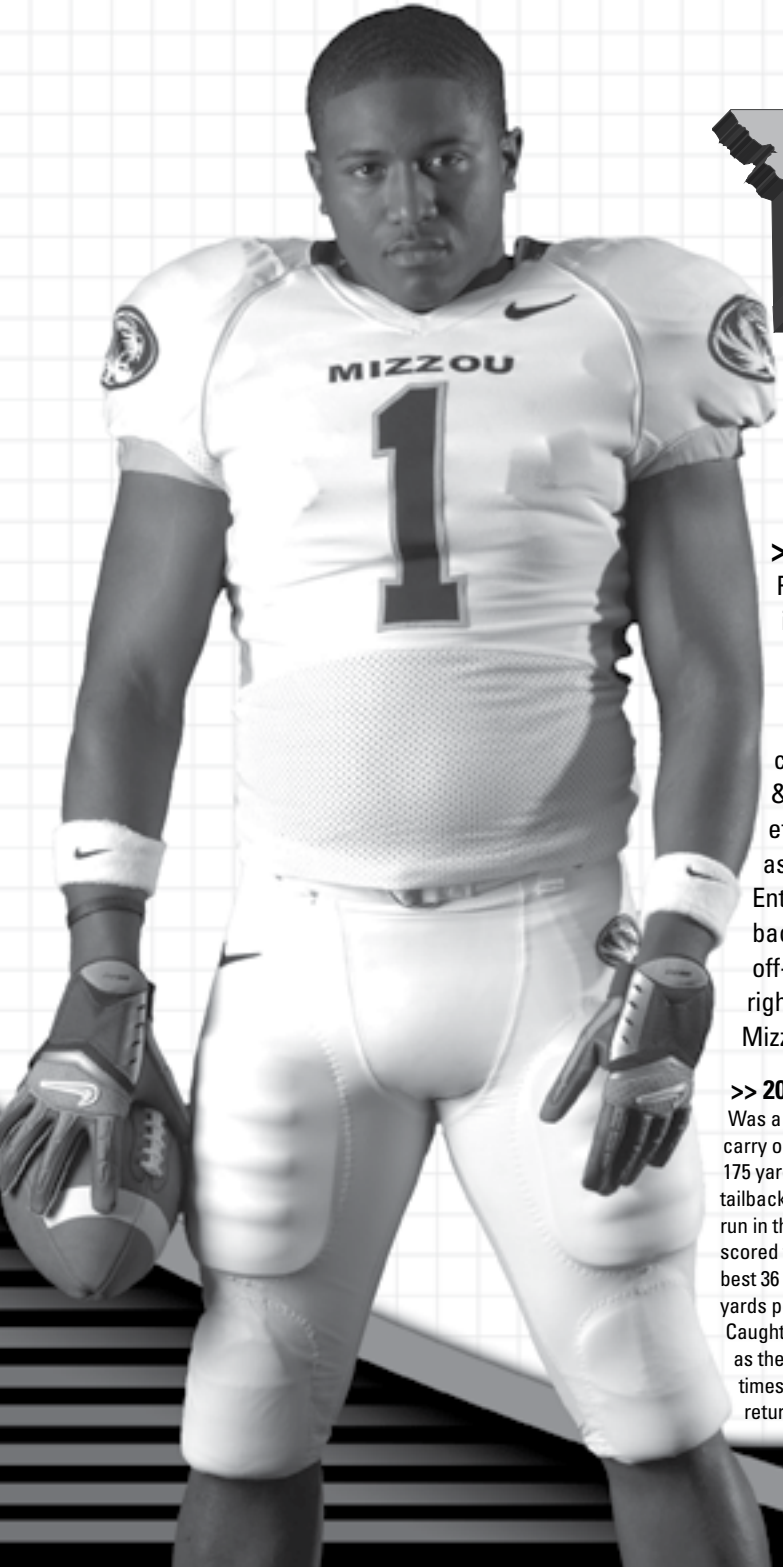
Joined the team as a walk-on and contributed to the scout team efforts throughout the year.

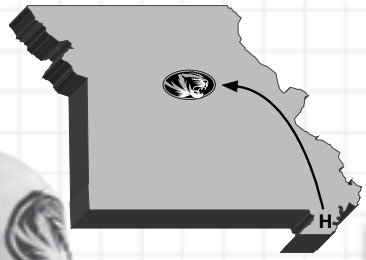
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-year letterwinner in both football and track at Brentwood HS … Was an all-county selection at tailback as a senior, as he rushed for 515 yards and 2 TDs, and added 113 yards receiving with 2 more scores … Played on Brentwood teams that reached the state playoffs from 2002-2004, with his school winning the state title in 2002 … Also lettered as a senior in rugby, and was part of a team that won the state championship … High school coach – Ron Crawford.

>> PERSONAL

Parents – Rodney & Lisa Huff … Academic interest lies in broadcast journalism, and Mizzou's renowned School of Journalism is what attracted him to Columbia … Served as the president of his high school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes.





#1

Jimmy Jackson

Tailback
5-8 • 200 • So.-1L
Caruthersville, MO (Caruthersville HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Promising young tailback who was nothing but impressive during his opportunities during his redshirt freshman season … Has a good mix of speed and power and seems to make plays every time he touches the ball … Had a good spring camp that he capped by rushing for 28 yards on 7 carries in the Black & Gold Game … Also showed an ability to catch the ball effectively out of the backfield in MU's spread offense, as he caught 2 passes for 21 yards in the spring game … Enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at tailback … Was full strength for spring practice after he had off-season surgery to clean up an old meniscus tear in his right knee, as well a broken right foot that he suffered in Mizzou's bowl game victory.

>> 2005 SEASON

Was a nice addition to the tailback rotation as he averaged 4.9 yards per carry on 37 attempts, playing in 11 games as a redshirt freshman … His 175 yards rushing were 4th-best on the team, and 3rd-most among Tiger tailbacks … Had 2 TDs on the year, with his first coming on a strong 13-yard run in the 1st quarter against Texas that tied the score at 7 apiece … Also scored from 10 yards out the next week at Oklahoma State … Had a career-best 36 yards rushing against the #2 Longhorns (averaging a healthy 7.2 yards per carry), a week after he had 34 yards in game #3 against Troy … Caught 8 passes for 73 yards, including a 46-yarder against Troy that ranked as the 2nd-longest pass play of the season for Mizzou … Carried the ball 6 times for 34 yards against Troy, including a career-long 24 yarder … Also returned 2 kickoffs, and had a long of 24 yards at Oklahoma State.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Was impressive during fall camp, and showed that he had a bright future at Mizzou … Had big performances in a couple of scrimmages during two-a-days.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Named the No. 53 overall prospect in the midland region by Super-Prep Magazine … Emerged as a senior as one of the best backs in the region, as he rushed for 2,642 yards and 26 touchdowns … Added 340 receiving yards and 9 TDs out of the backfield as he earned all-state, all-region, all-conference and team most valuable player honors in 2003 … Earned all-state, all-region and all-conference honors as a senior, in addition to team most valuable player honors … Holds school records for single-season rushing yards, touchdowns and points scored, and career rushing yards, touchdowns and points scored … Named the recipient of the annual Carr Award, which is given annually to the most outstanding player in the southeast Missouri area … Ran for 1,631 yards and 15 TDs during his junior season in 2002 … A speedster who was also an all-state track performer for Caruthersville … High school coach – David Gilmore.

PERSONAL

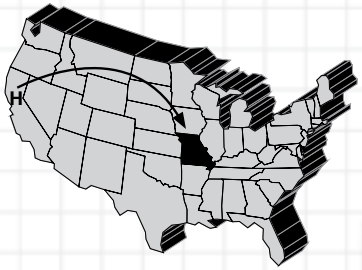
Son of Jimmy Jackson and Brenda Lloyd … Chose MU over Arkansas, Illinois and Utah, among others.

JACKSON CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.-Yds	TDs	Long
2005	11-0	37-182	4.9	2	24	8-73	0	46
Totals	**11-0**	**37-182**	**4.9**	**2**	**24**	**8-73**	**0**	**46**

Kickoff Returns

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
2005	2	32	16.0	24
Totals	**2**	**31**	**16.0**	**24**



#48

Xzavie Jackson

Defensive End
6-4 • 275 • Sr.-3L
Vacaville, CA (Wichita [KS] Heights HS)

- Spring 2004 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman
- 2003 Team Freshman of the Year

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Gifted defensive end that has the ability to take games over… Has the motor and skills of an all-conference player, and he is coming off a strong spring, which saw him win back the No. 1 spot on the depth chart after entering spring listed as a co-starter… Has 20 career starts under his belt… Has the size and strength to be effective defending the run, but is quick enough to be a disruptive force in the passing game, as well… First name is pronounced ex-ZAY-vee.

>> 2005 SEASON

He ranked 3rd on the team for the year with 11 tackles for loss (49 yards) and with 6 QB sacks (38) … Had 44 tackles total on the year, 6 QB hurries, 3 passes broken up, 2 recovered fumbles and 1 forced fumble … Played on several special teams units as well.

>> 2004 SEASON

Took over primary duties at defensive end, and had an outstanding season, starting all 11 games and registering a career-high 50 tackles … Was responsible for 2 takeaways on the season, as he recovered 1 fumble and grabbed 1 interception.

>> 2003 SEASON

One of 2 true freshmen to play for Mizzou, and made his mark at defensive end … Earned Team Freshman of the Year honors, sharing the award with fellow end Brian Smith … Had 34 tackles in his 9 games, and started 4 times at end, including each of the last 3 games.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

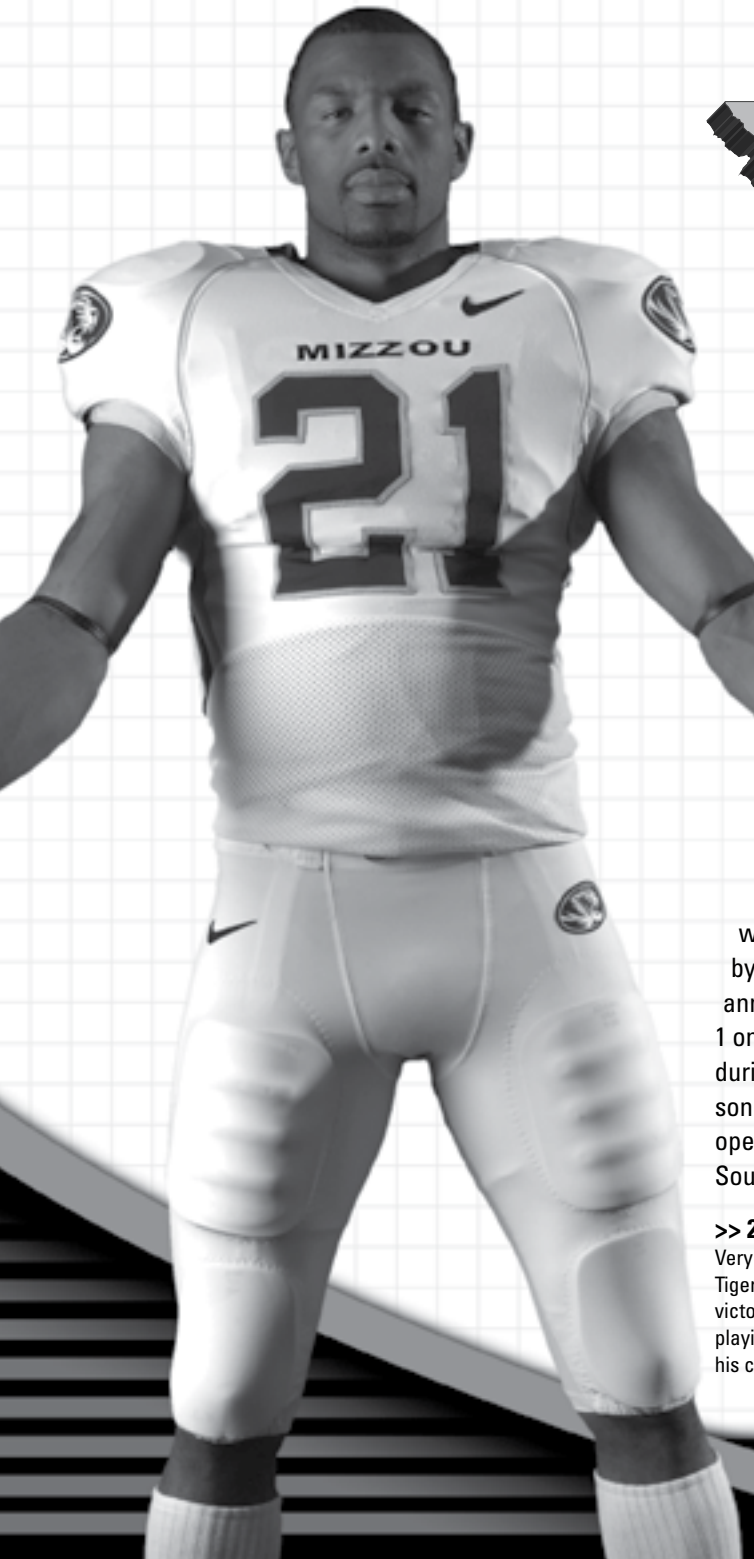
Ranked by Rivals.com as the nation's No. 33 tight end prospect and as the No. 4 overall prospect in the state of Kansas … Rated by MoKan Football as the top defensive end in the state of Kansas … Was a standout on both sides of the ball for Wichita Heights as a senior… Earned 2nd-team all-state honors as a defender and was a 2nd-team all-city pick on both sides of the ball as a senior.

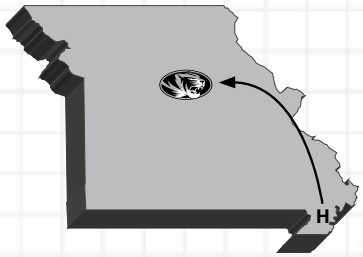
>> PERSONAL

High school coach – Rick Wheeler … Son of Harvey Jackson and Princess D. Mills … Academic interest lies in computer technology.

JACKSON CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Fumbles			
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	Force-Rec.	Int.-Yds.	QBH	PBU
2003	9-4	19-15	34	4-7	0-0	1-1	0-0	1	0
2004	11-11	33-17	50	7-27	2.5-18	1-1	1-1	7	1
2005	12-5	30-14	44	11-49	6-38	1-2	0-0	6	3
Totals	**32-20**	**82-46**	**128**	**22.5-83**	**8.5-56**	**3-4**	**1-1**	**14**	**4**





#21

William Moore

Free Safety
6-1 • 215 • So.-1L
Hayti, MO (Hayti HS)

• Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Safety

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Superb athlete who will look to expand his playmaking in the Tiger secondary after a freshman season that saw him make a nice impact … Is one of the team's most impressive overall athletes who can do a lot of things very well … Had an impressive spring camp that he capped off by returning an interception 45 yards for a TD during the annual Black & Gold Game … Enters fall camp listed at No. 1 on the depth chart at the free safety position ... Was full-go during spring camp, despite having surgery in the off-season to insert a screw into his right foot that he broke on the opening series of Mizzou's Independence Bowl victory over South Carolina.

>> 2005 SEASON

Very talented athlete who made a big impression in his first action as a Tiger … Played in 9 games, making 2 starts (including the bowl game victory), and had 30 tackles on the season playing at the free safety position, playing behind All-Big 12 candidate Jason Simpson … Made the 1st start of his career against Iowa State, as MU went to a nickel package to begin the game, and he made the decision pay off, as he intercepted an errant out route on the 2nd series of the game, and raced 62 yards for his 1st collegiate TD, to put MU up 7-0.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Spent a year working on the scout squad and working in the Tiger strength program … Played cornerback most of the year before switching to safety.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

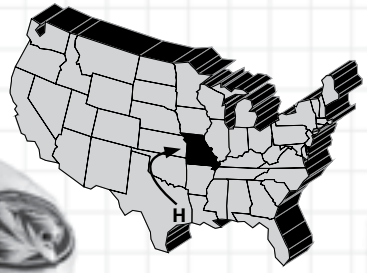
Came to Mizzou ranked as the nation's No. 64-ranked receiver, according to Rivals.com … Also ranked as the No. 12 overall prospect at any position in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com … Earned all-state honors on both sides of the ball during his prep career at Hayti, which won 3 consecutive conference championships from 2001-03 and finished as Class 2A runners up in 2002 … Had school career-records for number of catches and touchdowns receiving … His 35 total career scores ranks him 5th on Hayti's career scoring chart … Four-year letterwinner in football and basketball at Hayti… High school coach – Jerry Bethune.

>> PERSONAL

Son of William Shaw & Marilyn Moore … Plans to study adolescent psychology at Mizzou … Chose MU over Oklahoma, Purdue, Mississippi, Arkansas and Illinois, among others.

MOORE CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles						
	G-GS	**Solo-Asst.**	**Total**	**INT**	**FF**	**PBU**	**QBH**
2005	9-2	23-7	30	1-62	1	2	1
Totals	**9-2**	**23-7**	**30**	**1-62**	**1**	**2**	**1**



#2

Domonique Johnson

Defensive Back
6-2 • 190 • So.-1L
Texas City, TX (LaMarque HS)

• Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Defensive Back

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Very athletically gifted defensive back who has a leg up on the starting job at one corner spot after a strong spring practice period … Enters fall camp listed atop the depth at one of the corner spots … With the graduation of 5th-year senior corners Marcus King, A.J. Kincade and Calvin Washington, Johnson (with 12 career games and 2 career starts), becomes the most experienced cornerback on Mizzou's roster heading into the 2006 campaign.

>> 2005 SEASON

Had a very solid redshirt freshman campaign … Was usually the 1st CB to come off the bench, and saw action in all 12 games, including 2 starts, with the latter coming in MU's bowl victory over South Carolina … Was also a standout on MU's special teams, as he ranked 2nd on the team with 9 special teams tackles overall … Had 35 tackles on the season, and broke up 2 passes as well … Tried his hand at returning kickoffs early in the year, and averaged 15.4 yards on 5 returns in games #3 through #5, with a long of 25 yards against Troy … Made the 1st start of his young career at Oklahoma State, where he had 4 tackles and 1 PBU on the day … Had a very productive stretch in games #3 through #7, when he averaged 4.8 tackles per game, including a career-high 6 stops against #2 Texas … Had 5 stops apiece in games against Iowa State and Troy, and added 4 stops in outings against Iowa State and Nebraska … Entered fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at one corner spot, after a solid spring period that saw him earn the team's Most Improved Defensive Back Award … Had 5 tackles in the 2005 spring game … Changed his jersey number from 28 to 2 for the spring period.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Flew under the radar, according to the recruiting experts, as he was unable to play his senior year at LaMarque High School after transferring prior to the year from Texas City High School … LaMarque went a perfect 16-0 and won the state title while he was forced to watch from the sidelines … As a junior at Texas City, was named all-state and district 23-4A all-state after making 89 tackles and 5 interceptions while adding 5 catches for 225 yards and 2 touchdowns … High school coach – Brian Erwin.

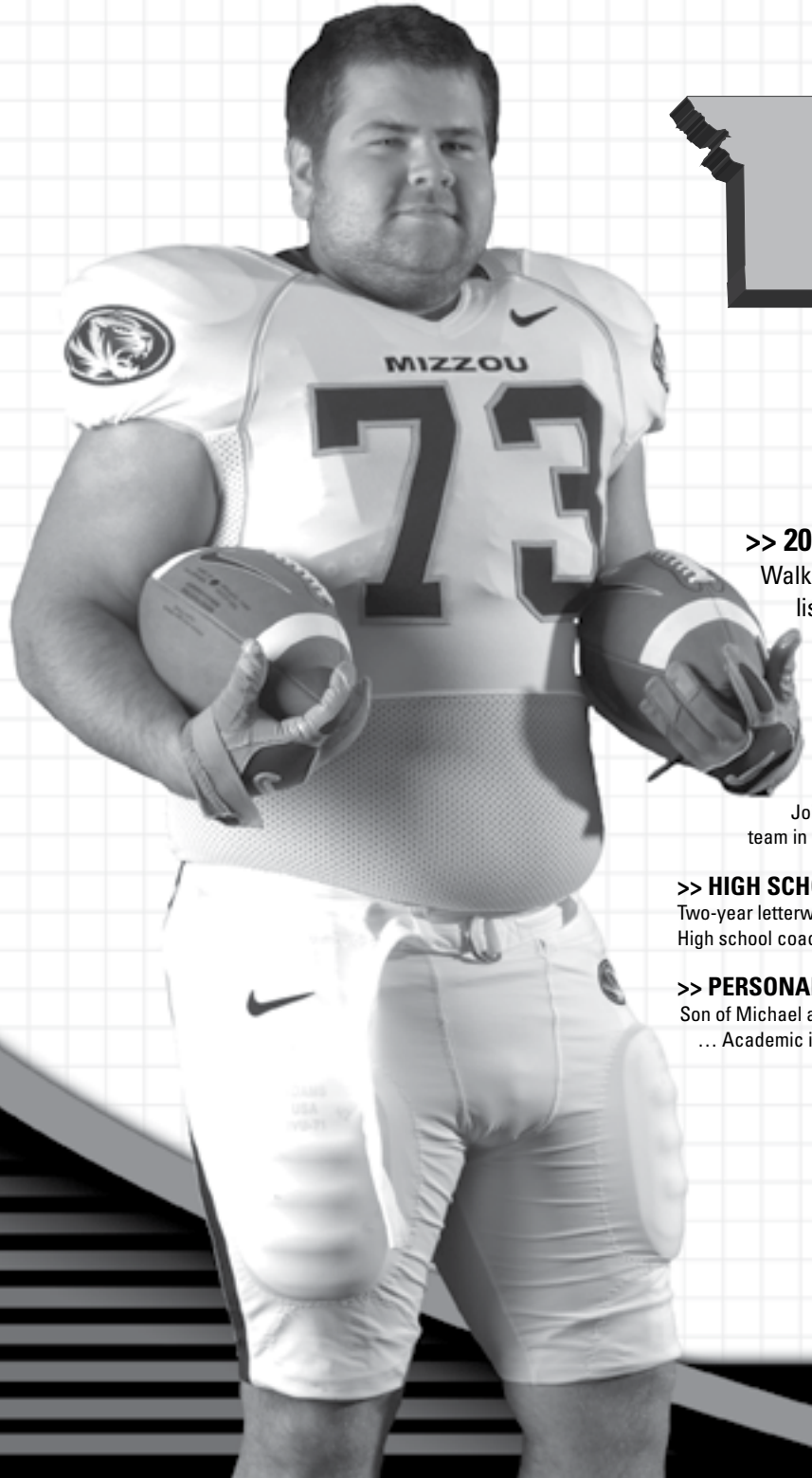
>> PERSONAL

Son of Kevin Johnson & Catherine Hadley … Plans to pursue degree in industrial engineering at Mizzou … Chose MU over Colorado State, Hawaii, Northwestern and Rice, among others.

JOHNSON CAREER STATISTICS

	Tackles			
	G-GS	**Solo-Asst.**	**Total**	**PBU**
2005	12-2	22-13	35	2
Totals	**12-2**	**22-13**	**35**	**2**

	Kickoff Returns			
	No.	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**
2005	5	77	15.4	25
Totals	**5**	**77**	**15.4**	**25**



#73

David Lazaroff

Offensive Lineman
6-0 • 285 • Jr.-Sq.
Chesterfield, MO (Chaminade HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Walk-on offensive lineman who enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at left tackle.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see action during the regular season, but continued his valuable contributions to the scout team throughout the season.

>> 2004 SEASON

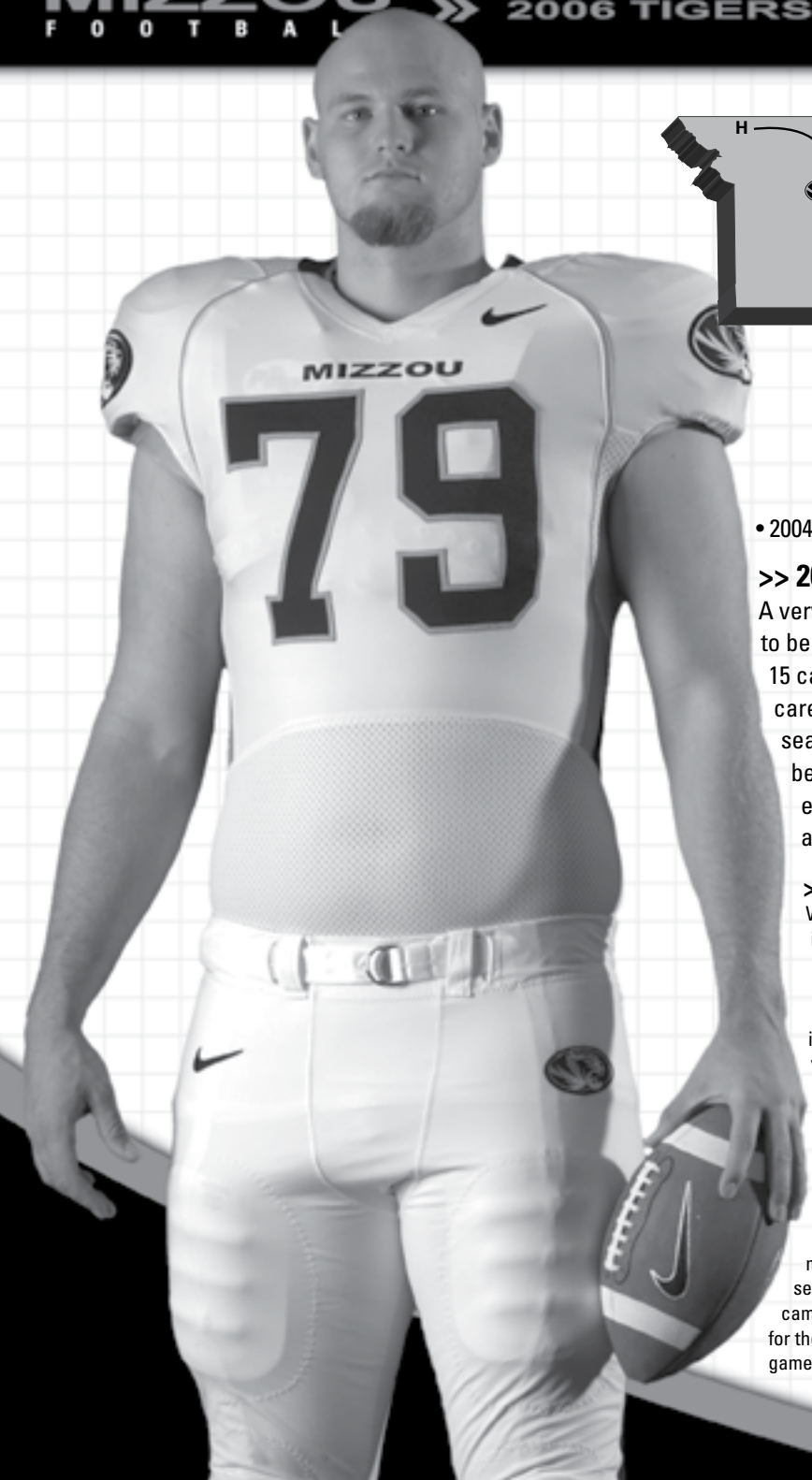
Joined the team as a walk-on, spending his time on the scout team in practice.

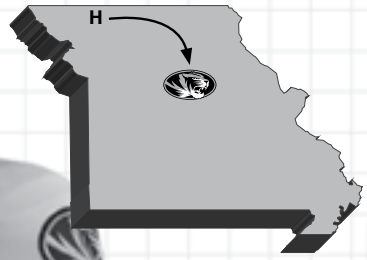
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Two-year letterwinner at Chaminade High School in the St. Louis area … High school coach – Doug Taylor.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Michael and Sallie Lazaroff … Has spent time as a camp counselor … Academic interest lies in nutrition and fitness at Mizzou.





#79

Tyler Luellen

Offensive Lineman
6-7 • 300 • Jr.-2L
Bethany, MO (South Harrison HS)

• 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A very talented tackle that has all the physical tools to be a dominant player at the Big 12 level … Has 15 career starts entering the 2006 season, and 23 career games played overall … Had his spring season cut short due to a knee injury, but he'll be full strength prior to the 2006 season, and he enters fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart at left tackle.

>> 2005 SEASON

Was a steady presence on the left side of the line, protecting the blind side of MU's quarterbacks, and started all 12 games at the left tackle position … Helped play a large role in MU's offensive improvement in 2005, and paved the way for QB Brad Smith to produce only the 3rd season in NCAA Div. I-A history of 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing … Had surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in his left shoulder during the offseason, and sat out of spring drills to ensure he was healthy for the fall season.

>> 2004 SEASON

Did an admirable job replacing All-Big 12 tackle Rob Droege, as he played in all 11 games, starting 3 on the year at weakside tackle … Was named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 by The Sporting News for his play on the season … Started the first 2 games of the season, then came off the bench until establishing himself as the starter for the season finale against Iowa State … Had an outstanding game at ISU, as he helped pave the way for MU's thrilling 17-14 overtime win … Had the key block that sprung Brad Smith on a 36-yard TD run in the 3rd quarter, as he got to the ISU safety and cut him perfectly to get Smith into the secondary untouched … Hurt his shoulder on that play, unfortunately, but went the rest of the game with the injury … Had an excellent spring, and entered the fall listed at No. 1 on the depth chart at weakside tackle.

>> 2003 SEASON

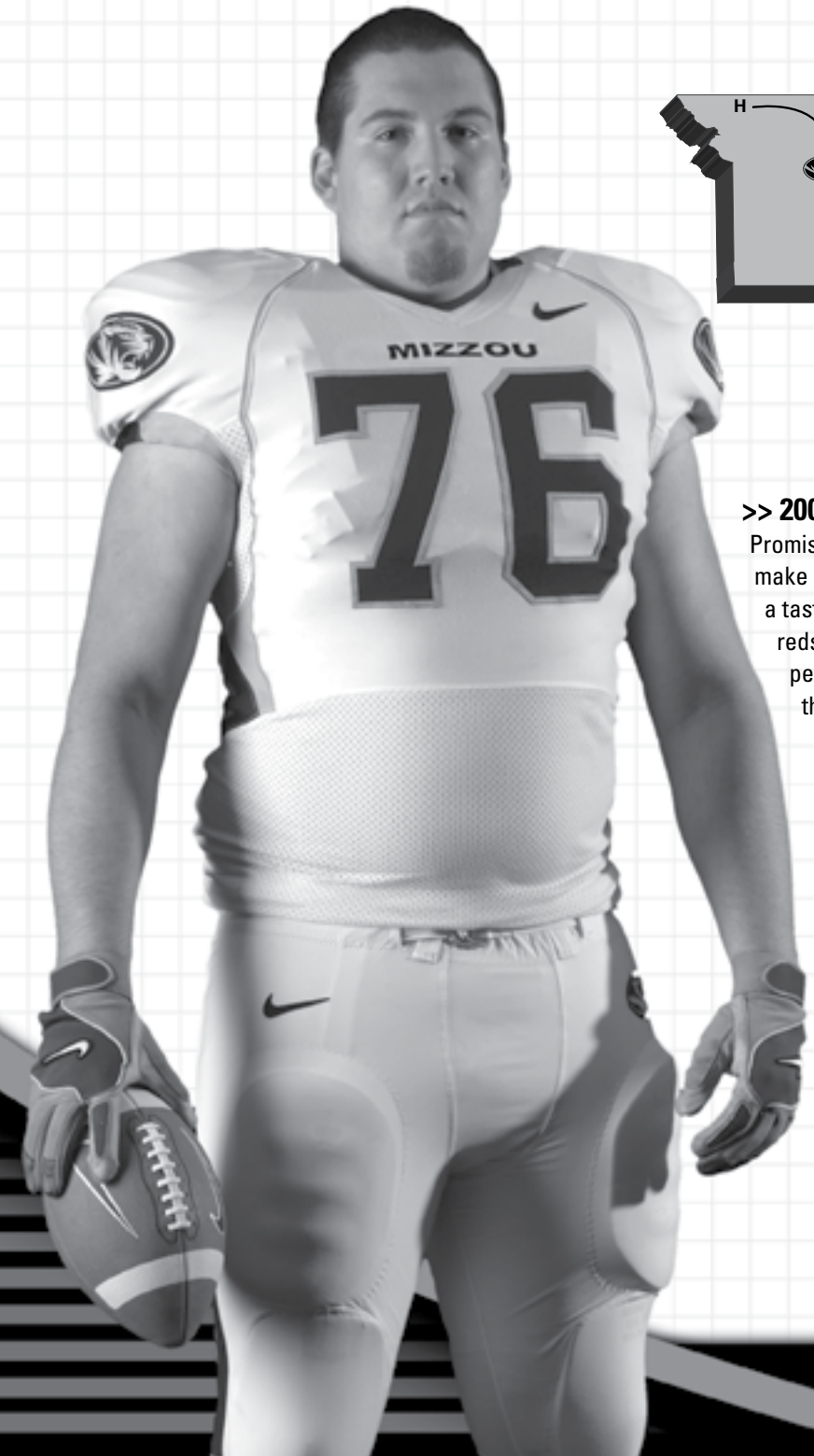
Redshirt season … Was twice named scout team MVP for his work in practice, leading up to games against Nebraska and Iowa State.

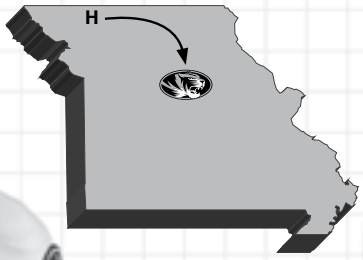
>> HIGH SCHOOL

A physical specimen regarded as one of the top offensive line prospects in the country … Rated as the No. 19 offensive tackle in the nation, according to Rivals.com, and the same outfit ranked him as the No. 4 player (at any position) in the state of Missouri, and the No. 48 player (any position) in the Midlands … Named to the PrepStar Magazine High School Football All-American Team in 2002 … SuperPrep ranked him as the No. 16 overall prospect in the Midland region and as the No. 27 offensive lineman in the nation … Rated as the No. 1 offensive lineman in the Missouri-Kansas region by MoKan Football … A 1st-team all-state offensive lineman who also earned all-conference and all-district recognition on the defensive line … Played on the offensive and defensive lines and helped lead South Harrison to an 8-2 record in 2002 … Registered 69 tackles as a senior, including 25 for losses … A three-sport standout who was a three-time Missouri Class 2A discus champ, with a career-best mark of 167-9 … Was an all-conference performer as a freshman and sophomore in basketball as well, before being injured early in his junior season … Did not playing basketball as a senior … High school coach – Wes Croy.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Dan & Lori Luellen … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management at Mizzou … Member of National Honor Society as well as the South Harrison High School Student Council … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma State, Purdue, Colorado State, Illinois & Kansas, among others.





#76

Ryan Madison

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 300 • So.-Sq.
Bethany, MO (South Harrison HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Promising young offensive lineman who looks to make more significant contributions after getting a taste of things for the first time a year ago as a redshirt freshman … Had a solid spring practice period, and enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at left guard.

>> 2005 SEASON

Moved to guard after entering fall camp listed 2nd on the depth chart at center, behind incumbent starter Adam Spieker … Saw action in 2 games on the year, seeing the field in versus Arkansas State and Troy … Has had an impressive year in the weight program, as he added 30 pounds from his listed playing weight of 270 last season.

>> 2004 SEASON

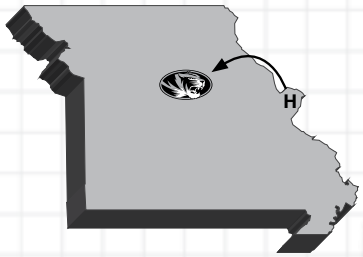
Redshirt season.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

An excellent athlete who was recruited with the possibility of making an impact on either side of the line at Mizzou … Earned all-state honors as a senior on both sides of the ball, at guard on offense and at tackle on defense … Four-year letterman who helped lead school to three consecutive conference championships (2000-02) and back-to-back district titles and final four state playoff appearances (2000-01) … Was a prep teammate of current Tiger Tyler Luellen … Also lettered in the sports of basketball and track and field at South Harrison, and earned all-conference honors in hoops … High school coach – Wes Croy.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Leo & Sharol … Chose MU over Illinois, Colorado State, Kansas, Wyoming and Army, among others.



#19

Brandon Massey

Strong Safety
6-1 • 200 • Sr.-2L
St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East HS/Michigan St.)

• Spring 2004 Team Most Improved Safety

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Veteran safety who will be looked to for big contributions in his final year in the program, after serving a valuable reserve role in the past 2 seasons … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the strong safety position … Missouri native who transferred to Mizzou after playing as a true freshman at Michigan State in 2002.

>> 2005 SEASON

Was a solid contributor on both defense and special teams … Saw action in all 12 games, starting 3 games… Recorded 20 total tackles … Played well in Mizzou's bowl victory over South Carolina, as he recorded 4 tackles … Was 2nd on the team with 7 tackles on the kickoff coverage team … Closed the regular season listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the strong safety spot.

>> 2004 SEASON

Backed up two-year starter Nino Williams at strong safety, and was also a regular on various special teams units … Played in 10 games, missing only the Colorado game due to an ankle injury … Provided a huge play on special teams when he blocked a punt at Nebraska that set up a game-tying field goal in the 1st half… Had a very strong period that saw him earn the team's most improved safety award.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season ... Sat out the year, per NCAA transfer rules, after moving to Mizzou from Michigan State prior to the fall … Named scout team MVP honors for his work in practice leading up to the Oklahoma game.

>> 2002 SEASON

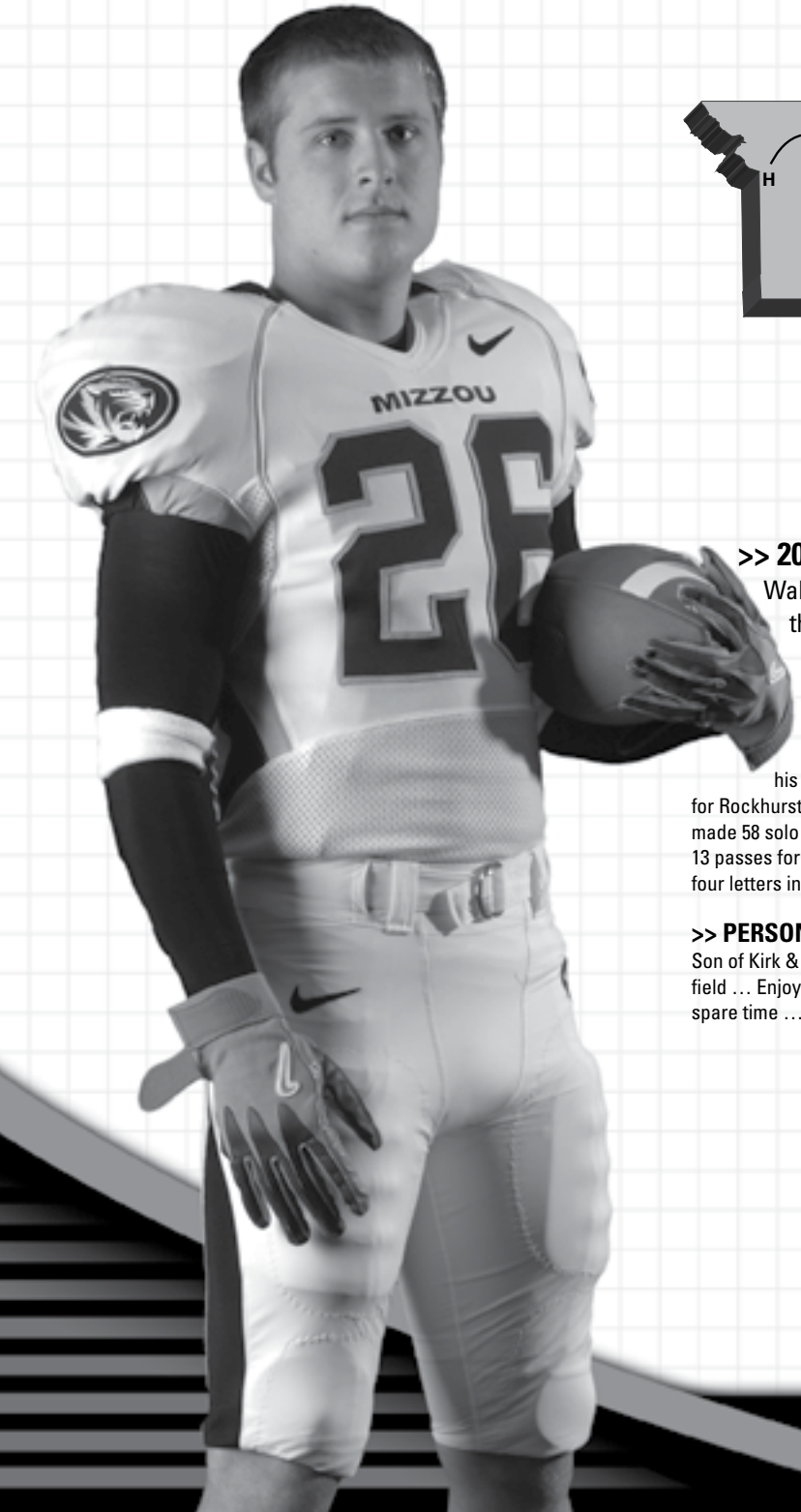
Played in 7 games at Michigan State as a true freshman in 2002, and recorded 2 unassisted tackles during his time there.

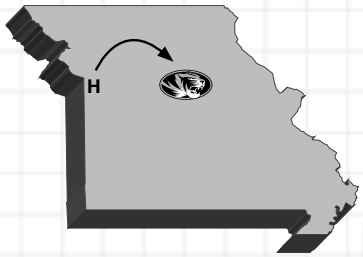
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a St. Louis Post-Dispatch honorable mention all-metro defensive back as a senior … Was a two-year starter at Hazelwood East, playing both safety and wide receiver … Anchored a Spartan secondary that allowed only 719 passing yards and three passing touchdowns en route to a 13-1 record and a trip to the 2001 Missouri Class 5A championship game …Also ranked as Hazelwood East's 2nd-leading receiver… High school coach – Corey Johnson.

MASSEY CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	Int.-Yds.	PBU	Blocks
2004	10-0	3-2	5	1-13	1	1
2005	12-3	11-9	20	0-0	1	0
Totals	**22-3**	**14-11**	**25**	**1-13**	**2**	**1**





#26

Blake May

Wide Receiver
5-11 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Kansas City, MO (Rockhurst HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

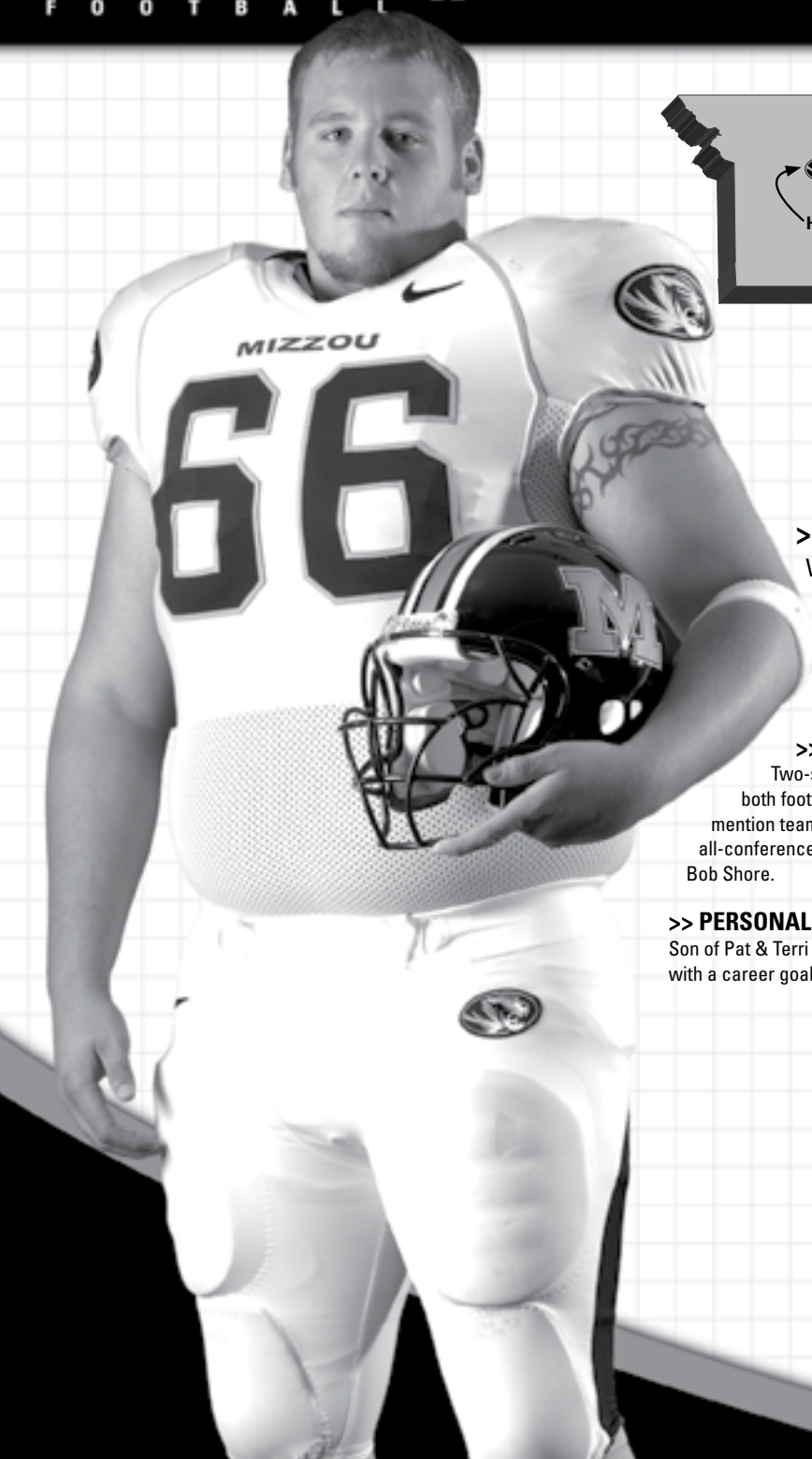
Walk-on receiver who enters fall camp listed third on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

All-metro wide receiver for traditional powerhouse Rockhurst High School in Kansas City … Was selected to play in the Missouri vs. Kansas High School All-Star Game following his prep career … Caught 29 passes and had 4 TDs as a senior for Rockhurst, and on the other side of the ball, added 5 interceptions and made 58 solo tackles on defense … Had 56 tackles as a junior and caught 13 passes for 2 TDs … Was a three-year letterwinner in football, and earned four letters in track … High school coach – Tony Severino.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Kirk & Susie May … Academic interest lies in the communications field … Enjoys spending time with friends and hanging out at the lake in his spare time … Chose Mizzou over Kansas State, among others.



#66

Chris McCarthy

Offensive Lineman
6-4 • 305 • RS-Fr.
Camdenton, MO (Camdenton HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

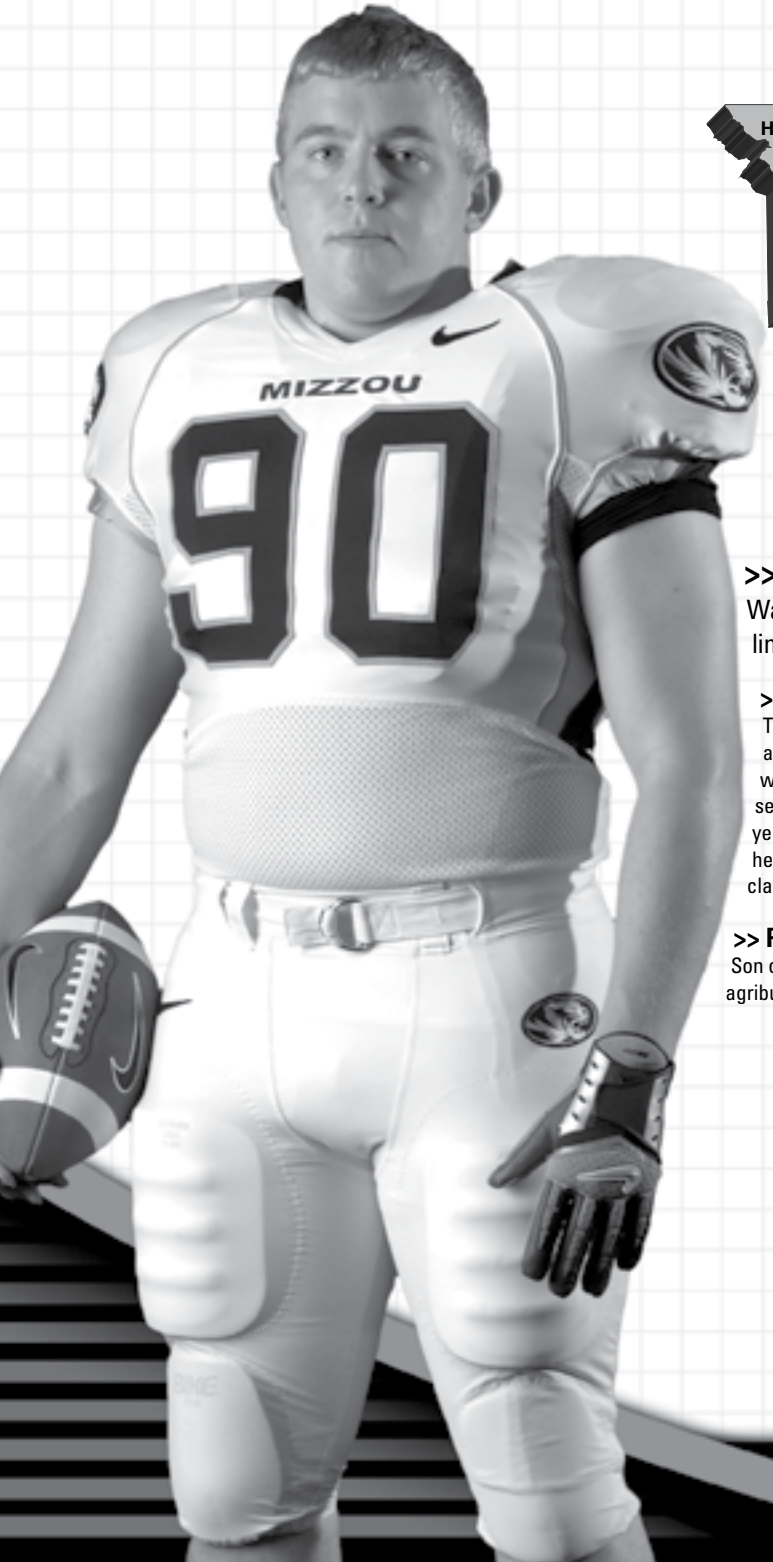
Walk-on Missouri native with good size who will look to establish himself on the offensive line during the season … Enters fall camp listed third on the depth chart at the left guard position.

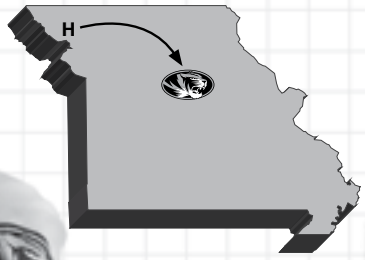
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Two-sport athlete at Camdenton High School, earning letters in both football and wrestling … Named to the conference honorable mention team as a senior at Camdenton … Earned honorable mention all-conference honors in wrestling, as well … High school coach – Bob Shore.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Pat & Terri McCarthy … Intends to major in education at Mizzou, with a career goal of becoming a teacher.





#90

Brent McCauley

Linebacker
5-9 • 230 • RS-Fr.
Savannah, MO (Savannah HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

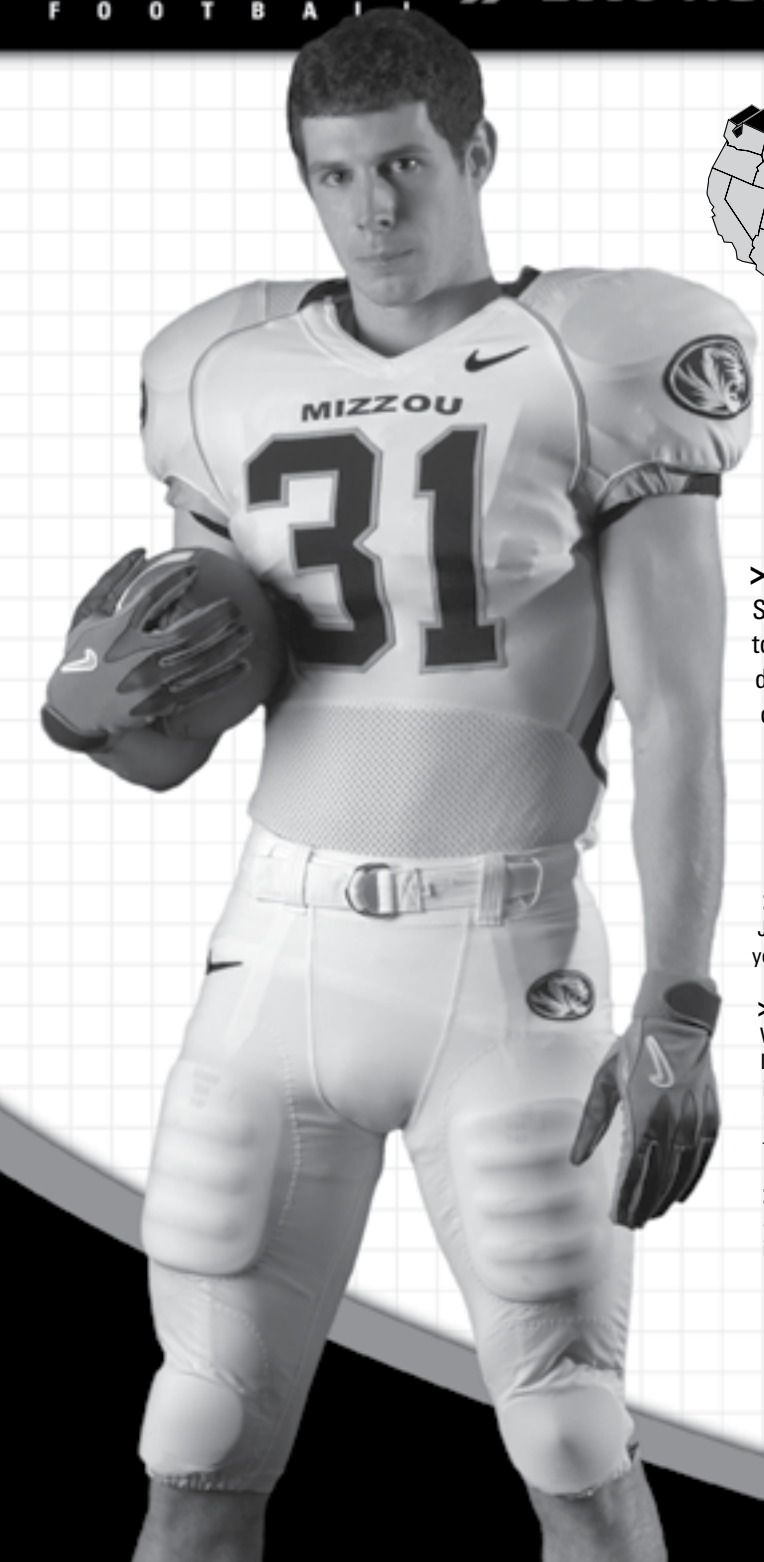
Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth at the linebacker position for the Tigers.

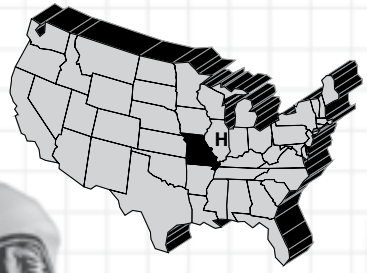
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport letterwinner at Savannah High School, lettering in football and track and field three years, in addition to one letter earned in wrestling … Was his football team's captain for each of his last two seasons, and earned 2nd-Team all-conference honors both of those years … Was also active in the weightlifting circuit, and at one time held the state squat record for 16-17 year olds in the 220-pound classification … High school coach – Jim Brockhoff.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Howard & Beth McCauley … Intends to pursue a degree in agribusiness management at Mizzou.





#31

Darren Meade

Defensive Back
5-11 • 185 • Sr.-Sq.
Champaign, IL (Centennial HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Senior walk-on defensive back who hopes to contribute to the Tiger secondary this season … Worked hard during spring ball and enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at one cornerback position.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see action on the season … Entered fall camp on the depth chart at one cornerback spot … Had 2 tackles in the 2005 spring game.

>> 2004 SEASON

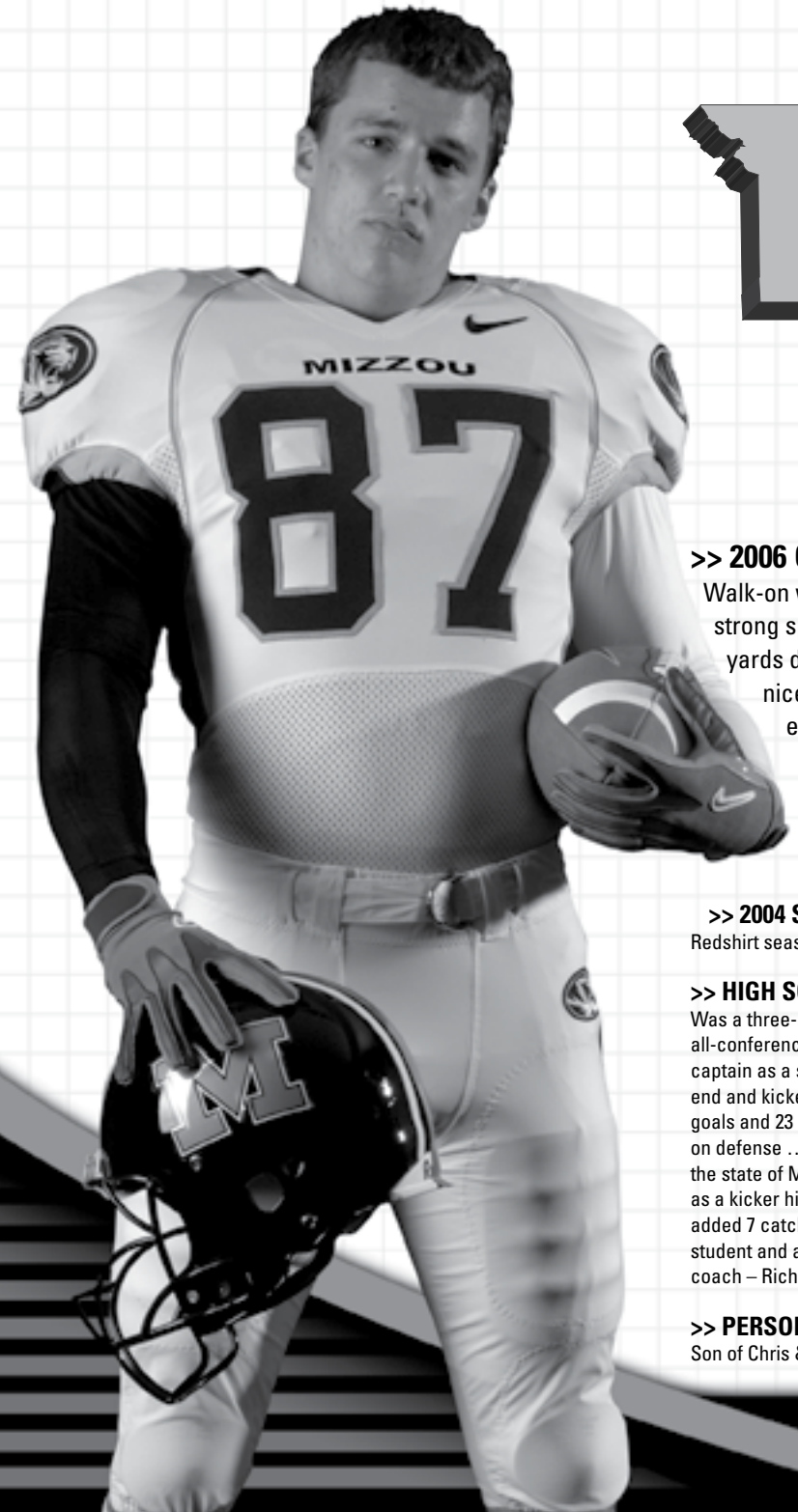
Joined the team as a walk-on, after attending junior college for two years.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-sport standout for Centennial High School in Champaign, Ill., in the sports of football, track and hockey … Started two years in football, and was a team captain in track and hockey … Won a conference championship at 400 meters in track … High school coach – Mike MacDonald.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Peter & Jill Meade … Father is a football coach … Is majoring in industrial engineering at Mizzou.



#87

Lucas Null

Wide Receiver
6-0 • 185 • So.-Sq.
Crystal City, MO (St. Pius X HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Walk-on wideout who hopes to factor into the mix after a strong spring practice period … Caught 4 passes for 24 yards during the annual Black & Gold Game … Does a nice job in practice, and regularly stands out with his efforts … Enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at the X-receiver spot.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see action … Changed his jersey number to 87 after donning 10 the previous season.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Joined the team prior to fall camp as a walk-on.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-sport standout for St. Pius X High School, as he earned all-conference honors in football, basketball and baseball … Was a team captain as a senior and earned 1st-Team All-Conference mention as a tight end and kicker … Had 14 catches for 311 yards and 5 TDs and added 3 field goals and 23 extra points with his foot, in addition grabbing 4 interceptions on defense … Was named the Wendy's High School Heisman winner for the state of Missouri after his senior year … Earned all-conference mention as a kicker his junior season … Booted 28 extra points that year, and also added 7 catches for 178 yards and 2 TDs … Was a National Honor Society student and a member of the student council for his school … High school coach – Rich Overberg.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Chris & Linda Null … Is majoring in political science at Mizzou.

Aaron O'Neal
FOREVER A TIGER
April 1, 1986 - July 12, 2005

A.O. #25

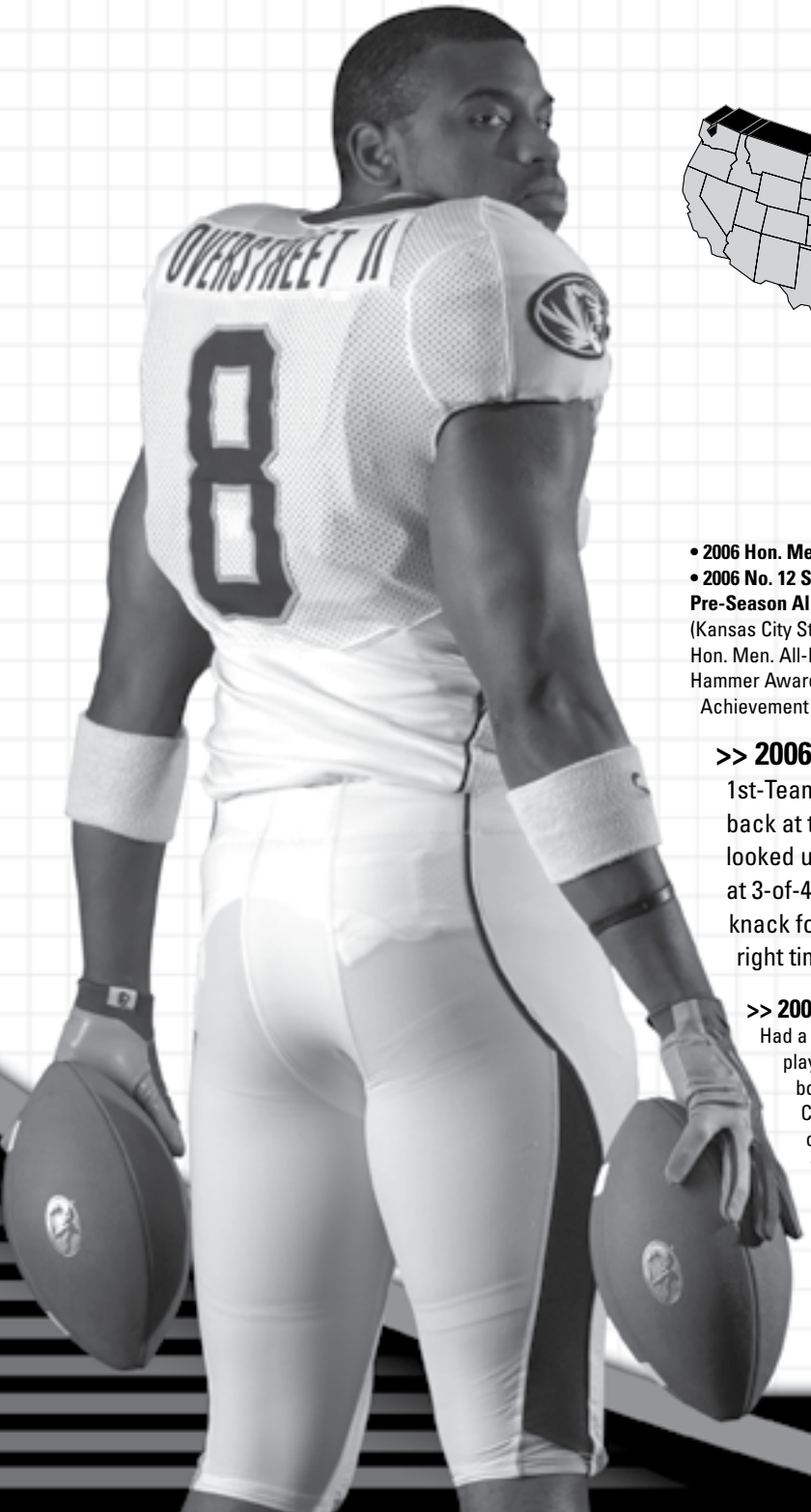
As a football player for the University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO, native Aaron A. O'Neal was living his dream. Aaron's dream died tragically on the afternoon of July 12, 2005, when he passed away following a voluntary workout with his teammates. While the pain of Aaron's loss will dwell indefinitely, his memory and spirit will live on forever at Mizzou. Aaron's engaging smile, his selfless nature and his warm friendship will never be forgotten, and his teammates have dedicated the 2006 season to his memory, as the Tigers did in 2005.

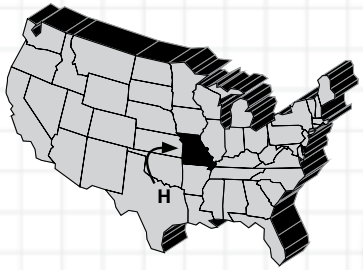
Aaron was a redshirt freshman linebacker heading into the 2005 season, with much promise to his future. He redshirted in 2004 after coming to Mizzou from Parkway North High School in St. Louis, MO, where he was a four-sport standout student-athlete. He earned Class 5 all-state honors as a running back as a senior, when he rushed for 1,562 yards and 19 touchdowns. He also earned all-metro, all-conference and all-district honors, as well as his team's offensive MVP honor as a junior, when he ran for 1,207 yards and 14 TDs. Aaron had 800 yards and 9 rushing TDs in just four games as a sophomore, including a school-record 254-yard outing against Webster Groves, and he left his school owning virtually all of Parkway North's career rushing and scoring records. An outstanding all-around athlete, Aaron also excelled in basketball, track and baseball at Parkway North, and was part of the team which finished 4th in the 2003 state baseball championships. His high school football coach was Bob Bunton. He was the son of Lonnie and Deborah O'Neal.

So He Took You By The Hand

I still hate waking up, getting the bad news
that day
They say there's one life that we're living and time
is slowly beating away.
Who would've ever thought you would be gone so fast
And just think yesterday us hanging out is now a thing
of the past.
Brotha, my Brotha, how I miss you so bad here today
For you never really understand one's importance until
they are gone away.
Man, I'm sorry for if I could, I'd make this all just a bad
dream and you'd soon awake
For my selfish self is so used to seeing you, your absence
is so hard to take.
I'm dying inside because now there's really no way to
show you how much I really care
No way to let you know that in me there was a true
friend and I was always there.
Though God always knows best no matter what the
circumstances may be
I just wish he hadn't taken you from your family, as
well as others and me.
I prayed for you and your family, asking God to take
away the pain
But when the sunshine (you) is gone, the only thing
left is the rain.
So my Brotha, go enjoy sweet rest with the one who
holds tomorrow
For soon the mourning will be over and we will smile
instead of feel sorrow.
For your life is irreplaceable and I still see an awesome vision
of your face
All the happiness and memories of you will forever fill this
place. (Mizzou)
I just pray that soon we can all somehow understand
That God needed an angel in Heaven, so he took you by the hand.

Dedrick Harrington #33





#8

David Overstreet

Strong Safety
6-0 • 210 • Sr.-3L
Dallas, TX (W.W. Samuel HS)

• 2006 Hon. Men. Pre-Season All-American (Nationalchamps.net) • 2006 No. 12 Safety in the Nation (The Sporting News) • 2006 2nd-Team Pre-Season All-Big 12 (The Sporting News) • 2005 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star) • 2005 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press) • 2005 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches) • 2005 Team Safety of the Year • 2005 Team Hammer Award (Most Big Hits) • 2004-05 Total Person Program Academic Achievement Award • 2003 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

1st-Team All-Big 12 strong safety from a year ago who is back at that position for his senior campaign… Will be looked upon to lead a Tiger secondary that lost starters at 3-of-4 positions overall … Is a physical player with a knack for making plays and being in the right spot in the right time.

>> 2005 SEASON

Had a breakout season, emerging as one of the Big 12's top playmakers … Earned honorable mention All-Big 12 status from both league coaches and media, and landed on the Kansas City Star's 1st-Team All-Big 12 squad … Led Mizzou in tackles on the year, with 100 total stops … He led the team with 5 turnovers gained… His 3 fumble recoveries tied for 1st in the Big 12.

>> 2004 SEASON

Was a solid contributor to MU's defensive improvement, as he saw significant action in all 11 games … Ranked 8th on the squad with a career-high 49 tackles, and also broke up 3 passes and recorded 1 QB hurry on the season.

>> 2003 SEASON

Picked things up quickly at safety after converting from quarterback in the spring …Became a solid contributor to the defense …Ended the season with 44 tackles and 1 pass broken up ... Was named to the Columbia Daily Tribune's "All-Interview" Team, based on his quoteability … Also earned 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors.

>> 2002 SEASON

Redshirt season … Spent his year getting familiar with the Mizzou system and working to get bigger, faster and stronger in the strength and conditioning program.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the best players out of the Dallas, Texas area who was rated as one of the top 100 players in the state of Texas … Ranked among the top-35 dual purpose quarterbacks in the country by Rivals.com … Played in the Coca-Cola All-Star Game… High school coach – Steve Pierce.

>> PERSONAL

Son of David and Johnnie Overstreet … Late father was a star back at Oklahoma and with the NFL's Miami Dolphins, mother is a phone agent … Is majoring in art at Mizzou.

OVERSTREET CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles						
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	INT	Rec.	PBU	QBH
2003	13-3	29-15	44	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0
2004	11-2	36-13	49	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	1
2005	12-12	71-29	100	4-4	2-3	3-37	8	0
Totals	**36-17**	**136-57**	**193**	**4-4**	**2-3**	**3-37**	**12**	**1**

#14

Chase Patton

Quarterback
6-5 • 220 • So.-Sq.
Columbia, MO (Rock Bridge HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Elite level local product who gives Mizzou excellent depth at quarterback … Was a prolific passer in high school, but has also shown a nice ability to scramble when called upon … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at quarterback, and is feeling good physically, after experiencing back problems last season.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see game action during the season … Made strides during his first spring practice period, and entered fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart … Had strong practices in December while the Tigers prepared for the Independence Bowl … Changed his jersey number to 14 from 4 just after spring practice started.

>> 2004 SEASON

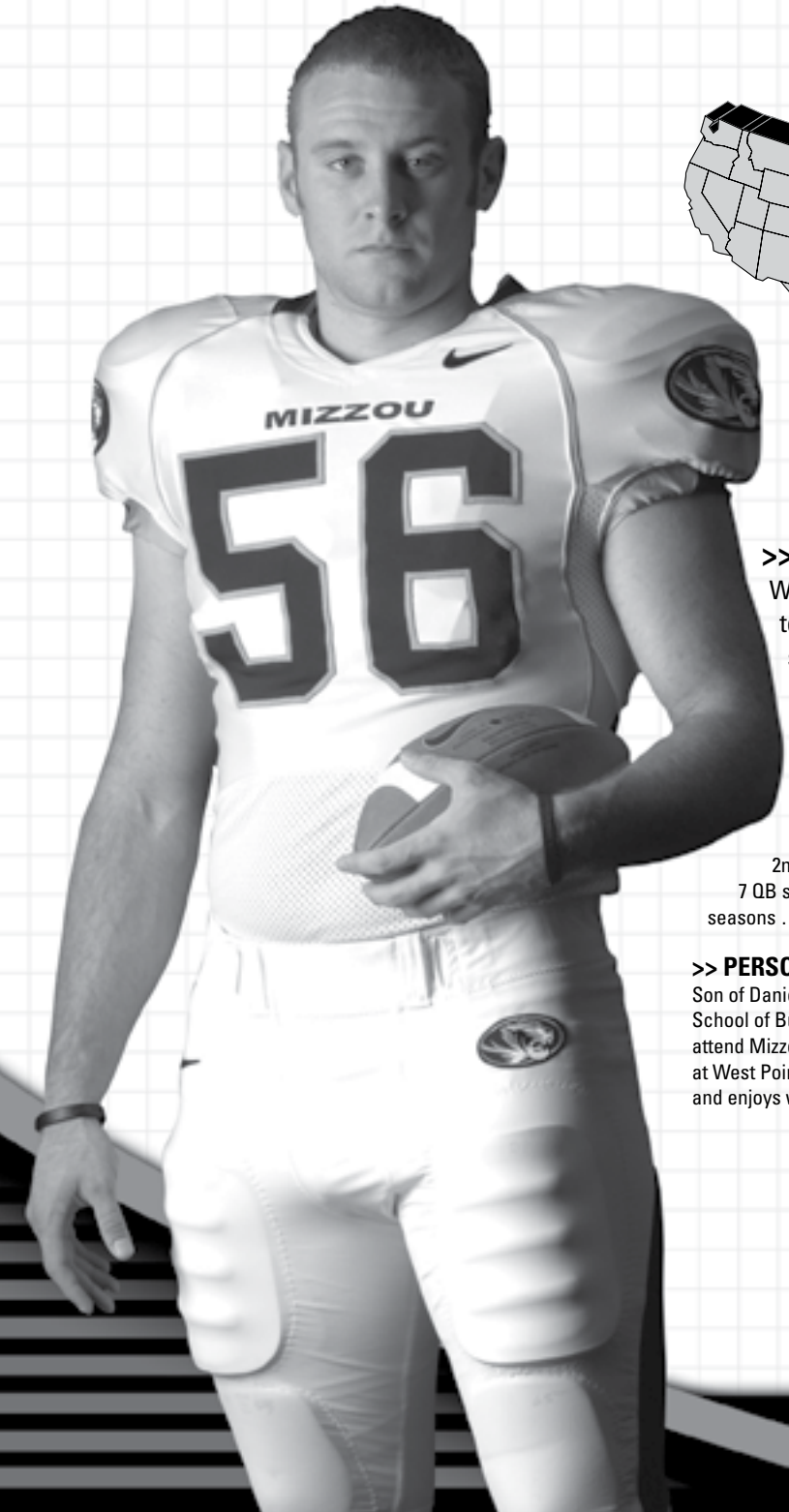
Redshirt season … Showed his considerable skills during fall camp and throughout the season, working on the scout team.

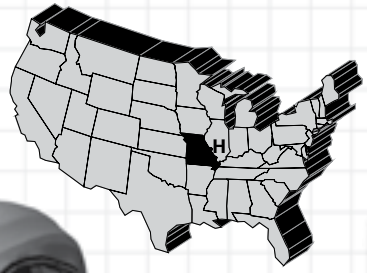
>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most highly-coveted quarterback prospects in the nation who chose to play for his hometown school … A record-setting passer who ranked as the No. 4 quarterback and the No. 69 overall prospect at any position nationally by Rivals.com … Named an all-American by both EA Sports and PrepStar as a senior when he completed 176-of-276 passes for 2,630 yards and 30 touchdowns and an 8-2 record … Named the Gatorade Missouri Player of the Year in 2003 … Threw for a career-best 367 yards against Springfield Kickapoo in 2003, and set another school record with 6 TD passes against Hannibal … Threw for a school-record 2,670 yards as a junior with 23 TDs, as he led Rock Bridge (8-4 overall) to the semi-finals of the state championships … Named team's newcomer of the year as a sophomore when he led the Bruins to a 6-4 record and a conference championship … Holds Rock Bridge career passing records for yards (6,251), completions (431) and touchdowns (58) … Also holds school game and single-season records in all three categories … Also lettered in baseball and basketball at Rock Bridge, and earned 1st-team all-district honors playing 1st base for the baseball team in 2003 … High school coach – A.J. Ofodile, a former MU football standout … Was also coached for two years by current Tiger staffer Barry Odom.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Robert & Joyce Patton … Is pre-medicine major at Mizzou … Chose MU over Tennessee, UCLA, Kansas State, Iowa and Virginia, among others.





#56

Nick Patton

Linebacker
6-0 • 225 • RS-Fr.
Effingham, IL (Effingham HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

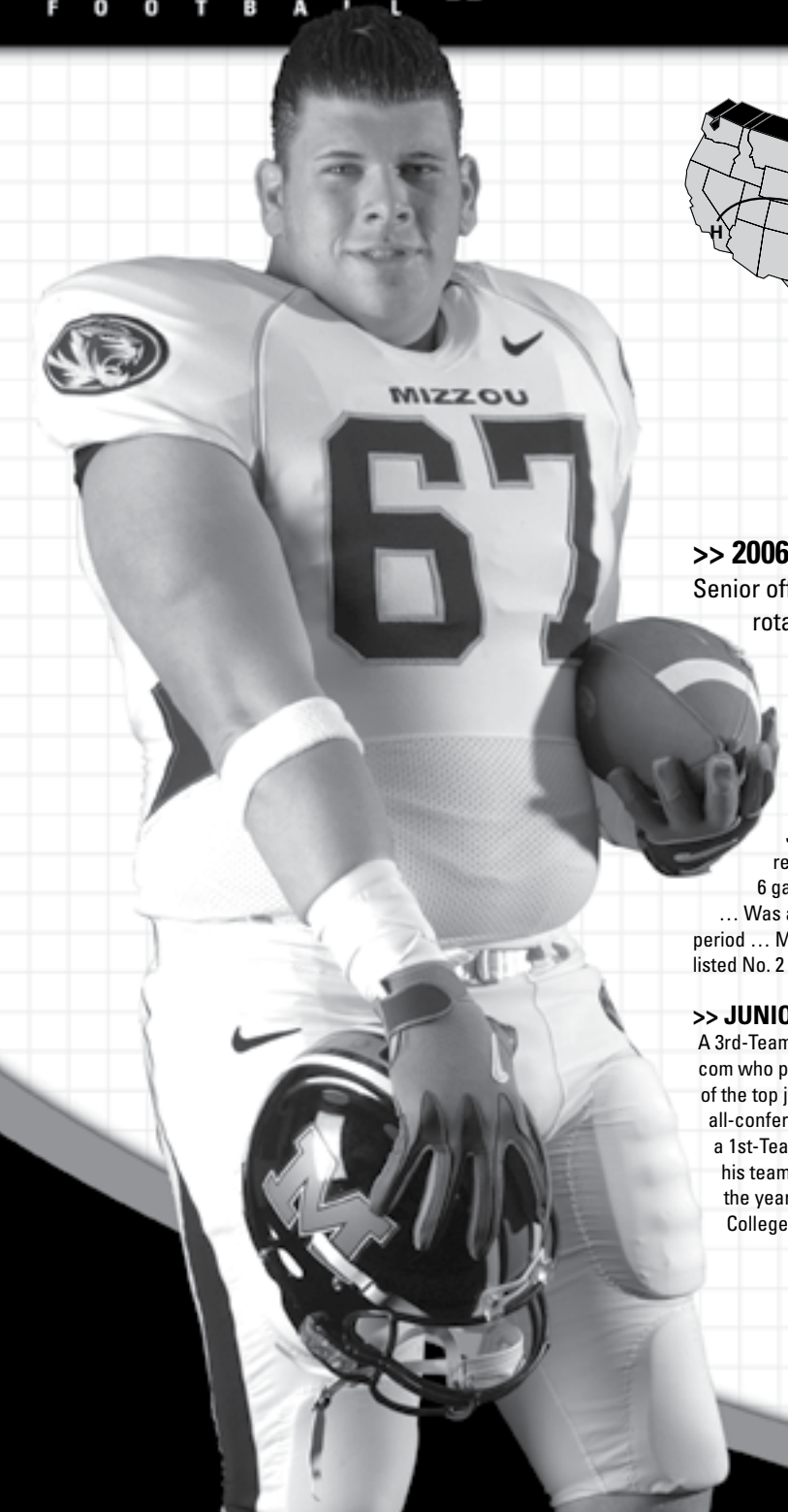
Walk-on linebacker who enters fall camp looking to move into the depth chart, most likely at the strongside position.

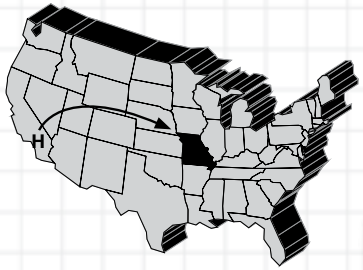
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Two-sport letterwinner at Effingham (Ill.) High School, as he earned three letters in football and two more in basketball … Was a Decatur Herald 1st-Team all-area selection as a senior when he led his team with 126 tackles and added 5 QB sacks and served as a team captain … As a junior, recorded 2nd-Team all-area honors with a 115-tackle season that featured 7 QB sacks … Also blocked 5 punts combined in his junior and senior seasons … High school coach – Jason Fox.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Daniel & Madonna Patton … Intends to study in MU's renowned School of Business, with an interest in finance and real estate … Opted to attend Mizzou after being accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point … Lists himself as an avid deer hunter (bow and shotgun), and enjoys water skiing and wake boarding.





#67

Louis Pintola

Offensive Lineman
6-4 • 305 • Sr.-Sq.
Los Angeles, CA (Santa Fe HS/Pasadena CC)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Senior offensive lineman who expects to factor into the rotation this year after he got his feet wet in the program last season in his first year on campus … Enters camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the right tackle position, and has played multiple positions on the line.

>> 2005 SEASON

Junior college transfer who provided a quality presence as a reserve tackle in his first year in the program … Saw action in 6 games, including 3 of MU's last 5 games of the regular season … Was a mid-year transfer, and competed in the 2005 spring practice period … Made a good impression during the spring, and entered fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at left tackle, where he ended the season.

>> JUNIOR COLLEGE

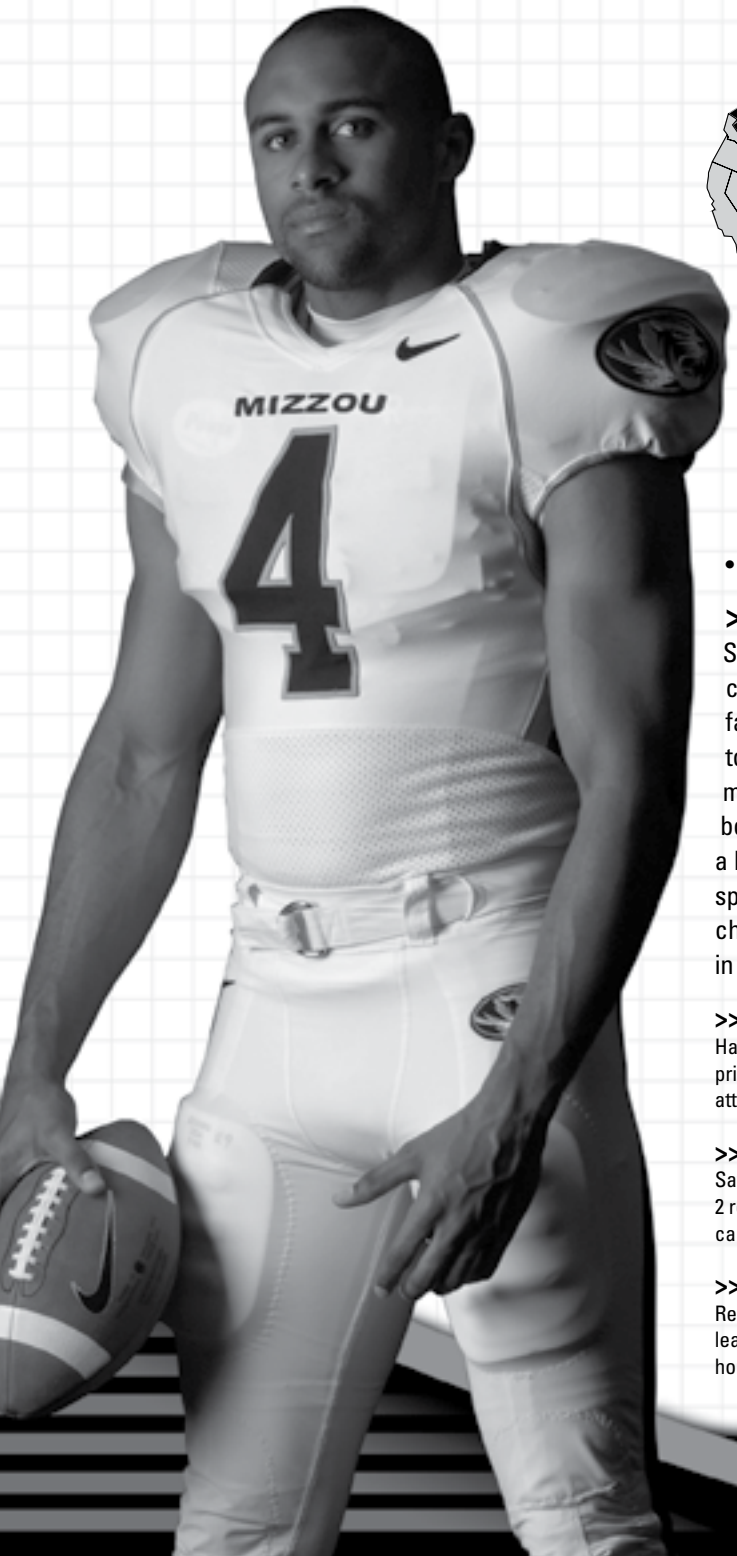
A 3rd-Team junior college All-American offensive lineman by JCGridwire.com who played for two years at Pasadena City College, regarded as one of the top junior college programs in the country … Also earned 1st-Team all-conference honors as a sophomore for Pasadena City College … Was a 1st-Team all-conference pick as a sophomore, and also was chosen as his team's offensive player of the year as well as offensive lineman of the year … Chosen 1st-Team all-area as a freshman at Pasadena City College … Junior College Coach – Tom Maher.

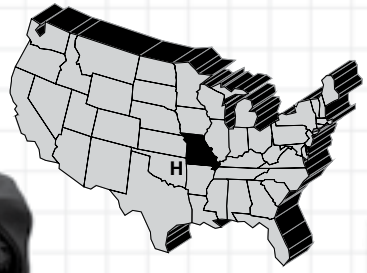
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Played on both offensive and defensive lines at Santa Fe High School, where he was also an all-conference performer in track and field.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Louis & Anita Pintola … Chose MU over Oregon, Kansas State, Boise State, Arizona State, UCLA and Washington, among others … Lists hobbies as working out, drawing, working on cars and music … Wants to pursue a degree in education at Mizzou.





#4

Jason Ray

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 215 • Jr.-1L
Porter, OK (Broken Arrow HS)

• 2004 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Sure-handed wideout who possesses solid speed, concentration and route-running abilities ... Very rarely fails to catch a ball that he gets his hands on … Is looking to rebound from a disappointing 2005 season that saw him miss the last 11 games of the year due to a broken collarbone … Is fully recovered from the injury, and looks to play a big role in the Tiger offensive attack after posting a solid spring camp … Enters fall drills listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the Z-receiver spot … Caught 2 passes for 21 yards in the annual Black & Gold Game.

>> 2005 SEASON

Had his season cut short due to a broken collarbone suffered in practice prior to game No. 2 … Was expected to be a big factor in the Tiger passing attack before the injury bug struck.

>> 2004 SEASON

Saw action in all 11 games on the season as a redshirt freshman, and had 2 receptions for 17 yards … Made quite an impression during spring, as he caught virtually everything thrown near him at all times.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors for his work in practice leading up to MU's historic win over Nebraska, and again earned the same honor for the Kansas State contest.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

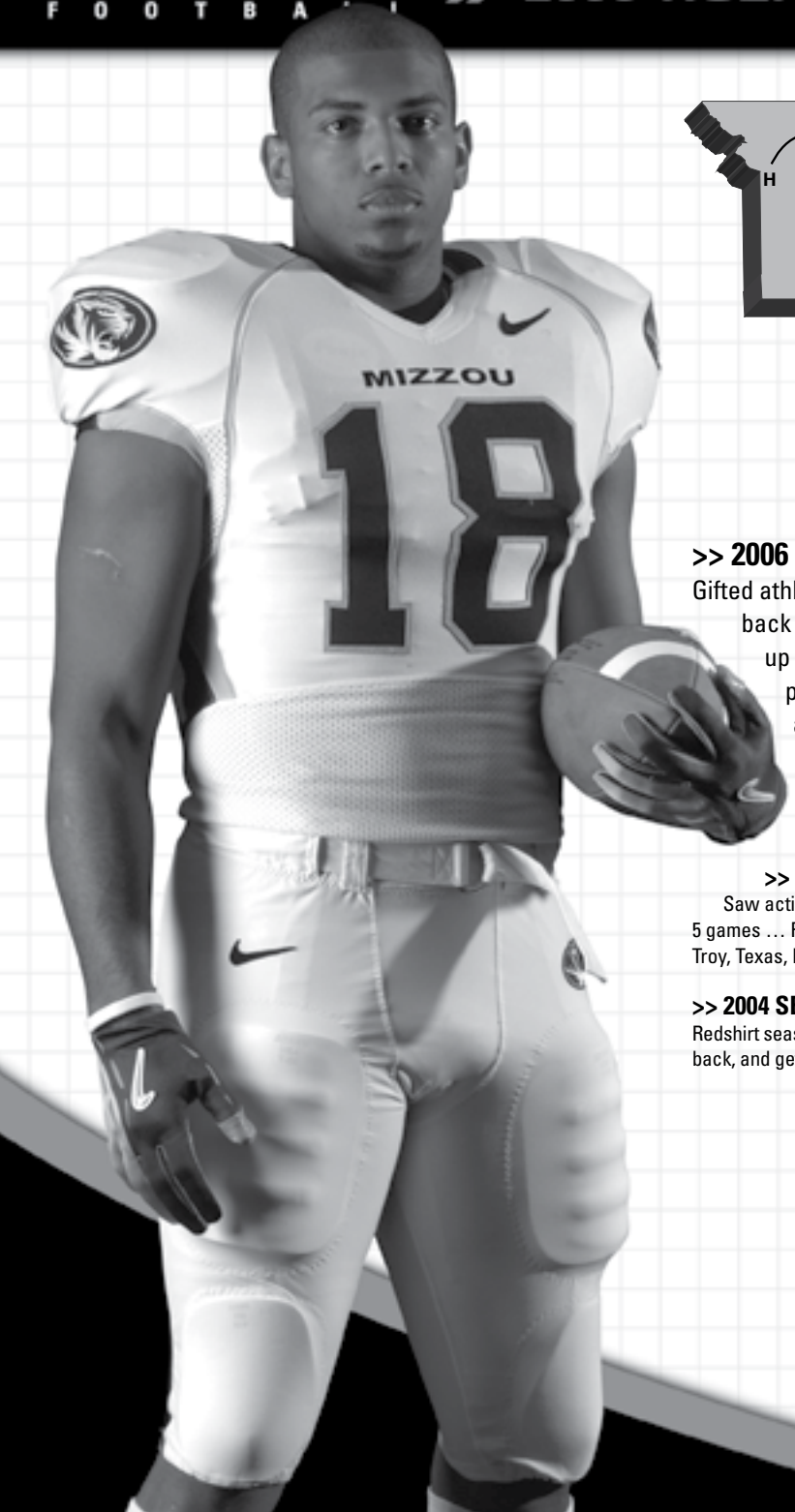
Ranked as the No. 28 overall prospect in the Midland region and the nation's No. 33 receiver by SuperPrep Magazine … Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 10 prospect (all positions) in the state of Oklahoma and the nation's No. 50 wide receiver … Named all-state by coaches and media after helping lead team to the Oklahoma Class 6A title game… Finished his career with 147 receptions for 2,103 yards and 32 TDs… High school coach – Rick Jones.

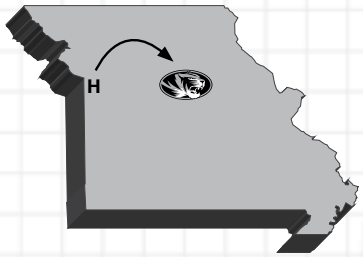
>> PERSONAL

Son of Gary & Gayla Ray … Is majoring in marketing at MU … An outstanding student who attracted attention from Ivy League schools for his academics … Is a member of National Honor Society and his school's student council … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Minnesota, West Virginia, SMU and Kansas, among others.

RAY CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving				
	G-GS	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Long**
2004	11-0	2	17	8.5	0	14
2005	1-0	1	7	7.0	0	7
Totals	**12-0**	**3**	**24**	**8.0**	**0**	**14**





#18

Steve Redmond

Linebacker
6-0 • 235 • So.-Sq.
Kansas City, MO (Rockhurst HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Gifted athlete who came to Mizzou originally as a defensive back prospect, but moved to linebacker after bulking up 20 pounds, to a listed 230, thanks to the strength program … Has added 5 more pounds to his frame, and now tips the scales at 235 pounds entering fall camp … Is listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the strongside linebacker position going into fall drills.

>> 2005 SEASON

Saw action in 6 games as a redshirt freshman, including 4 of MU's last 5 games … Recorded 1 tackle against #2-ranked Texas … Played against Troy, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Baylor and Kansas State.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Spent the year working on the scout team as a defensive back, and getting bigger and stronger in the Tiger strength program.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

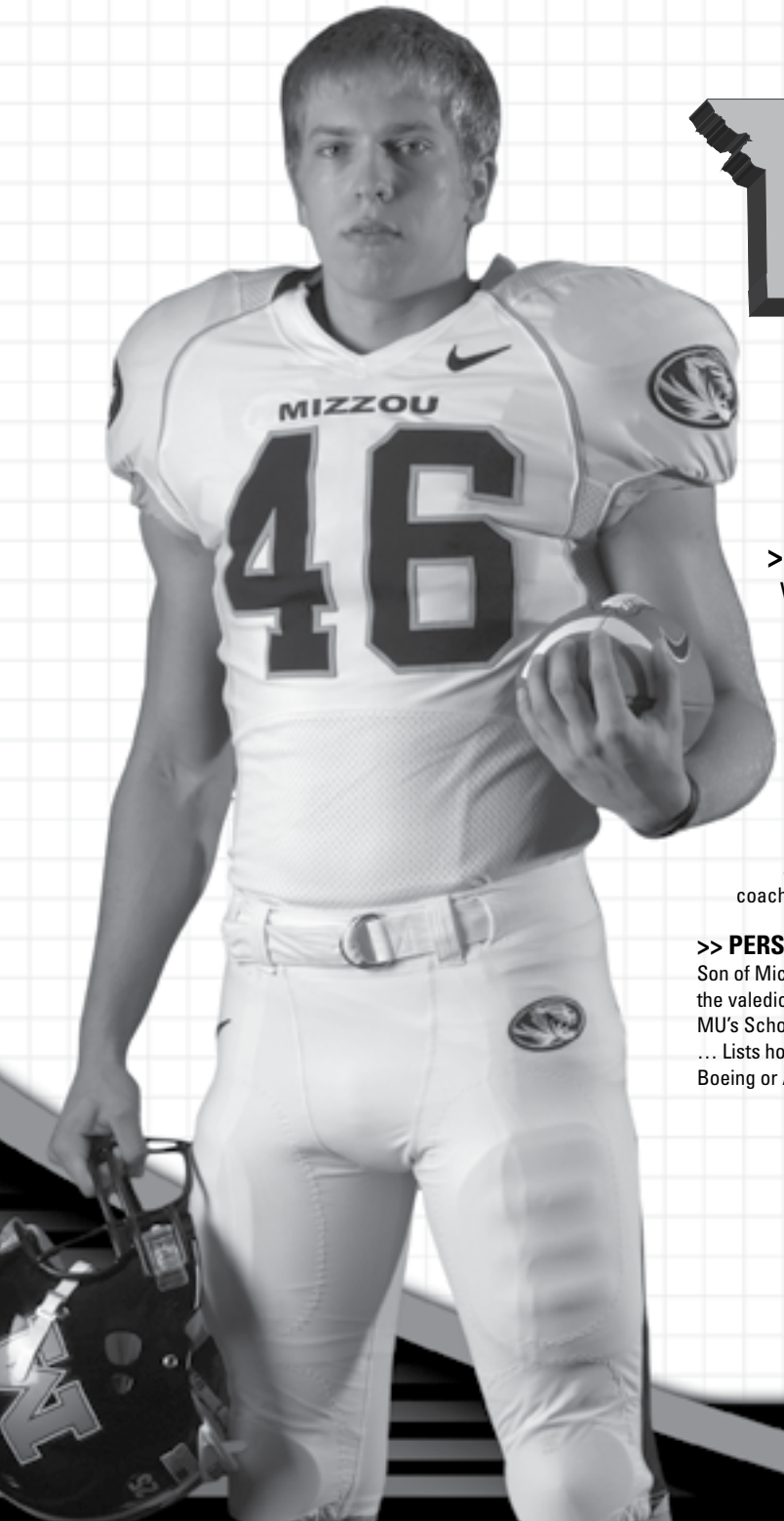
A fast and physical defensive back who ranked as the No. 29 overall prospect at any position in the midland region, according to SuperPrep Magazine … Same publication ranked him as the nation's No. 24 defensive back talent … Three-sport letterwinner who also excelled in track and basketball at Rockhurst … High school coach – Tony Severino.

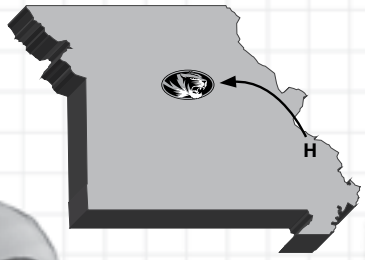
>> PERSONAL

Son of Steve & Linda Redmond … Is a cousin to fellow 2004 Mizzou signee and Rockhurst teammate Tony Temple … Chose MU over Kansas State, Kansas, Michigan State, Nebraska and Iowa, among others … Plans to pursue a degree in education at Mizzou.

REDMOND CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles	
	G-GS	**Solo-Asst.**	**Total**
2005	6-0	0-1	1
Totals	**6-0**	**0-1**	**1**





#46

Danny Rellergert

Punter
6-1 • 200 • RS-Fr.
Perryville, MO (St. Vincent DePaul HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

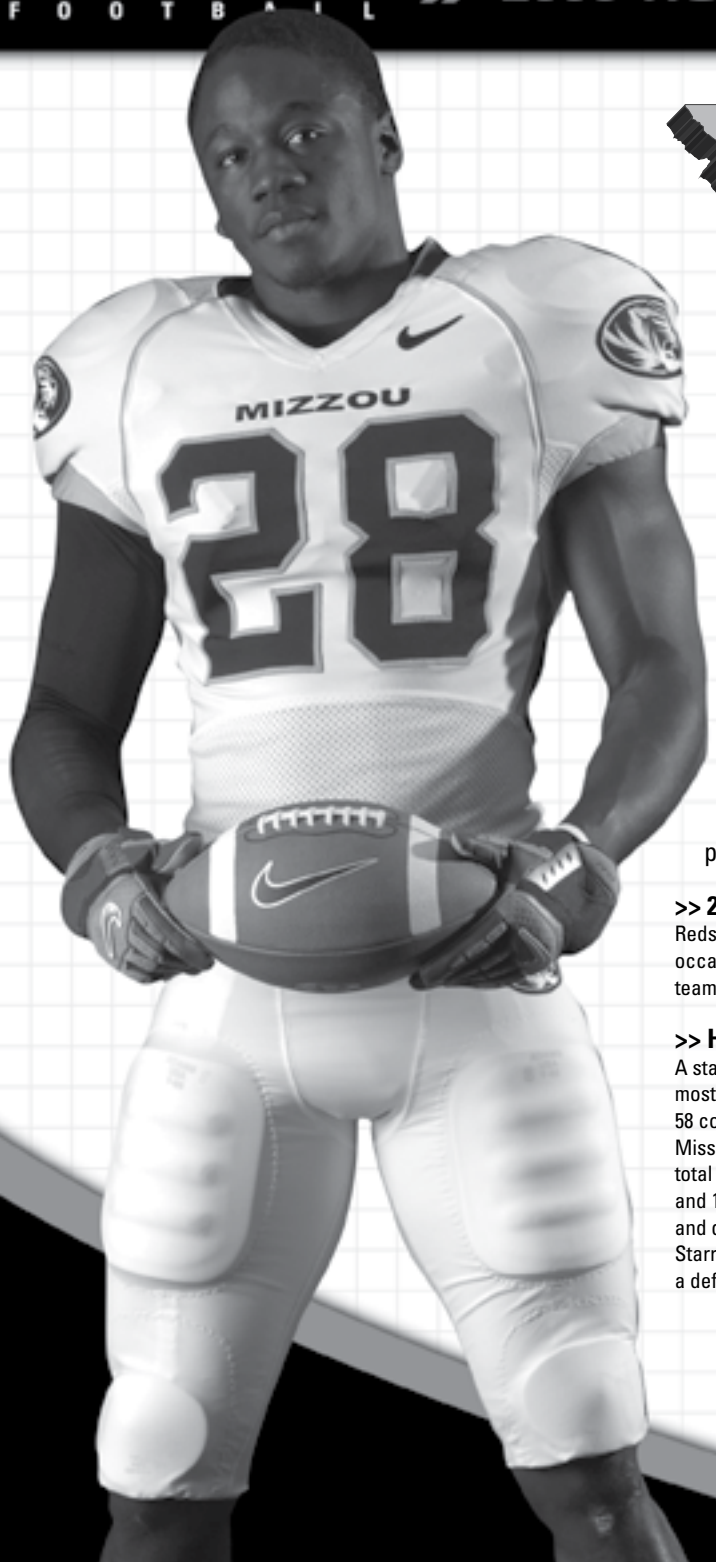
Walk-on Missouri native who enters fall camp hoping to make a move up the depth chart at the punter spot.

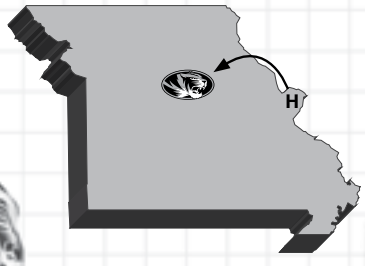
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport letterwinner who played football, basketball and golf for St. Vincent DePaul High School … Was a 1st-Team all-state selection by coaches as both a junior and senior, and also earned 1st-Team all-conference mention each of his last two seasons, as well … Served as team captain as a senior and added 1st-Team all-district honors that same year … High school coach – Keith Winkler.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Michael Rellergert & Kathy Dias … An outstanding student who was the valedictorian of his high school … Came to Mizzou due to his interest in MU's School of Engineering, where he plans to study chemical engineering … Lists hobbies as playing cards, and has a career goal of working for Boeing or Anheuser-Busch after his football days are finished.





#28

Hardy Ricks

Defensive Back
5-11 • 195 • RS-Fr.
St. Louis, MO (Brentwood HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman cornerback who should make a contribution in some fashion during the upcoming season … An outstanding athlete and a hard hitter, is listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at one cornerback spot, behind sophomore Domonique Johnson … Had a strong spring camp, which he closed out with a 4-tackle performance in the Black & Gold Game … Has added 15 pounds to his frame thanks to the strength program.

>> 2005 SEASON

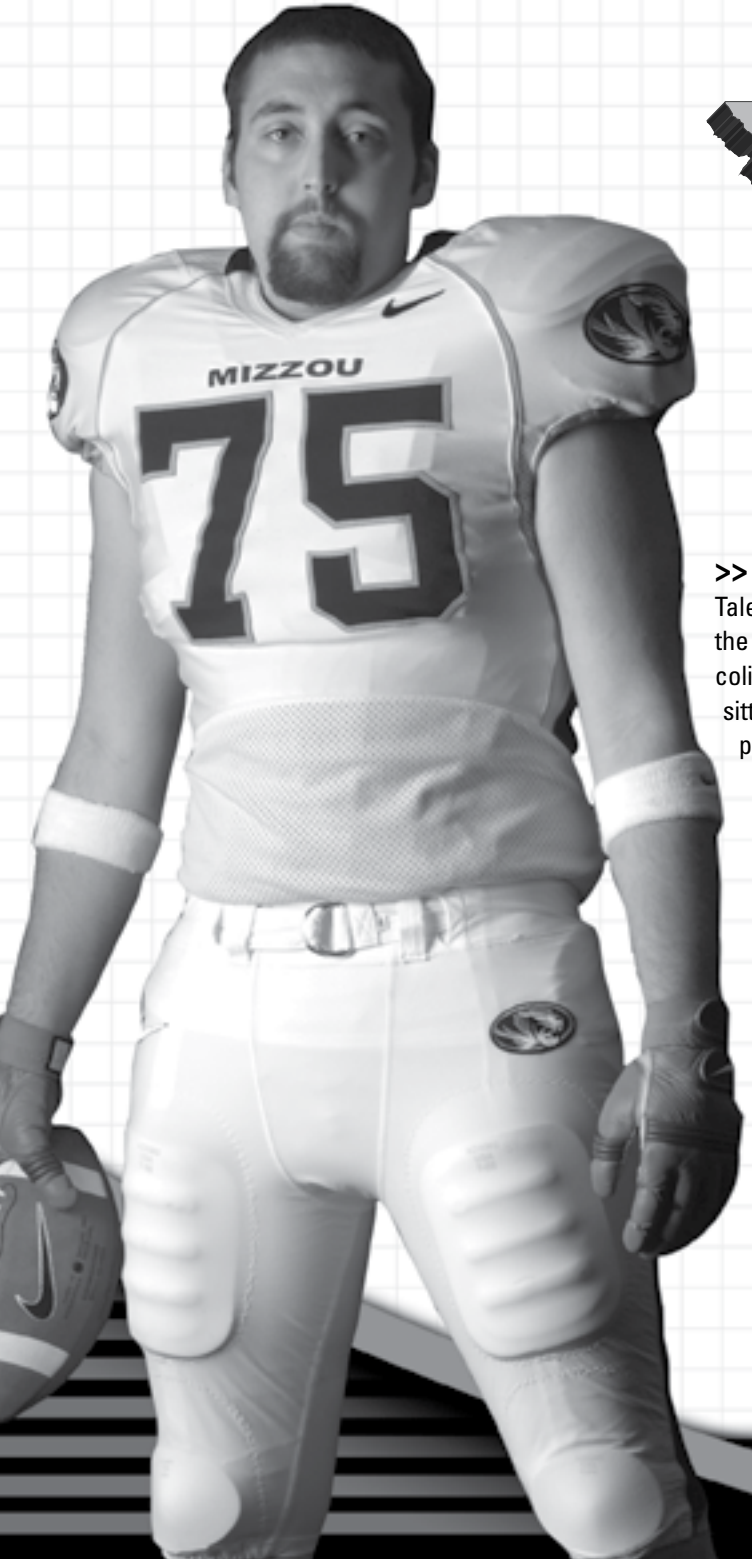
Redshirt season … Worked hard as part of the defensive scout team, and occasionally was asked to serve as a running back on the offensive scout team, as well.

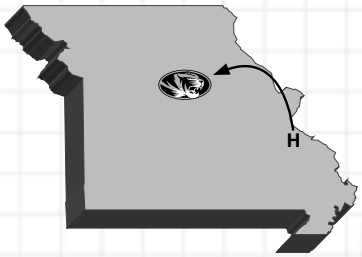
>> HIGH SCHOOL

A standout two-way player for Brentwood High School who made his mark mostly as a hard-hitting, playmaking defensive back … Rated as the No. 58 cornerback in the nation, and the No. 12 overall prospect in the state of Missouri, according to Rivals.com … In his last 3 years, had 3,633 yards of total offense and 27 offensive TDs, while adding 395 tackles, 5 defensive TDs and 15 interceptions on the defensive side of the ball … Has the size, speed and quickness to play several different spots in the defensive backfield … Starred on both sides of the ball, as he was a 1st-Team all-state selection as a defensive back in 2004, while earning the same honor at running back as a junior in 2003 … Had 142 tackles as a senior and grabbed 4 interceptions and scored 2 defensive TDs … On offense, amassed 1,312 total yards and scored 12 TDs … Included in the offensive total was 1,168 rushing yards (6.9 yards per carry) … Had 1,736 total yards in offense as a junior in 2003, with 13 TDs scored … Rushed for 1,492 yards that season, while racking up 157 total tackles playing both ways … Nabbed 5 interceptions as a junior, scored 2 defensive TDs and had 1 fumble recovery in addition to 2 QB sacks … Rushed for 348 yards (8.8 yards per carry) and had 247 more receiving as a sophomore in 2002 (16.5 yards per catch, while scoring 2 offensive TDs on the year … Had 96 total tackles that season, as well, with 6 interceptions and 1 defensive TD … Solid all-around athlete who lettered in wrestling, track and basketball, in addition to his football exploits … Was a state qualifier in wrestling … High school coach – Roy Hughes.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Hardy Ricks Jr. & Dorothy Wise … Drew interest from programs such as Kansas State, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa State and Illinois, before choosing to be a Tiger … Plans to focus his studies at Mizzou in the area of finance, accounting or banking … Mizzou's new School of Business played a major factor in his choosing to be a Tiger … Served as vice president of his class at Brentwood High School.





#75

Kyle Riggs

Offensive Lineman
6-6 • 300 • So.-Sq.
Festus, MO (Festus HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Talented offensive line prospect who unfortunately missed the spring period due to a condition known as ulcerative colitis … Is expected to fully recover from the condition by sitting out the spring, and hopes to be healthy enough to play in the fall.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see action during the season … Entered fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at left tackle.

>> 2004 SEASON

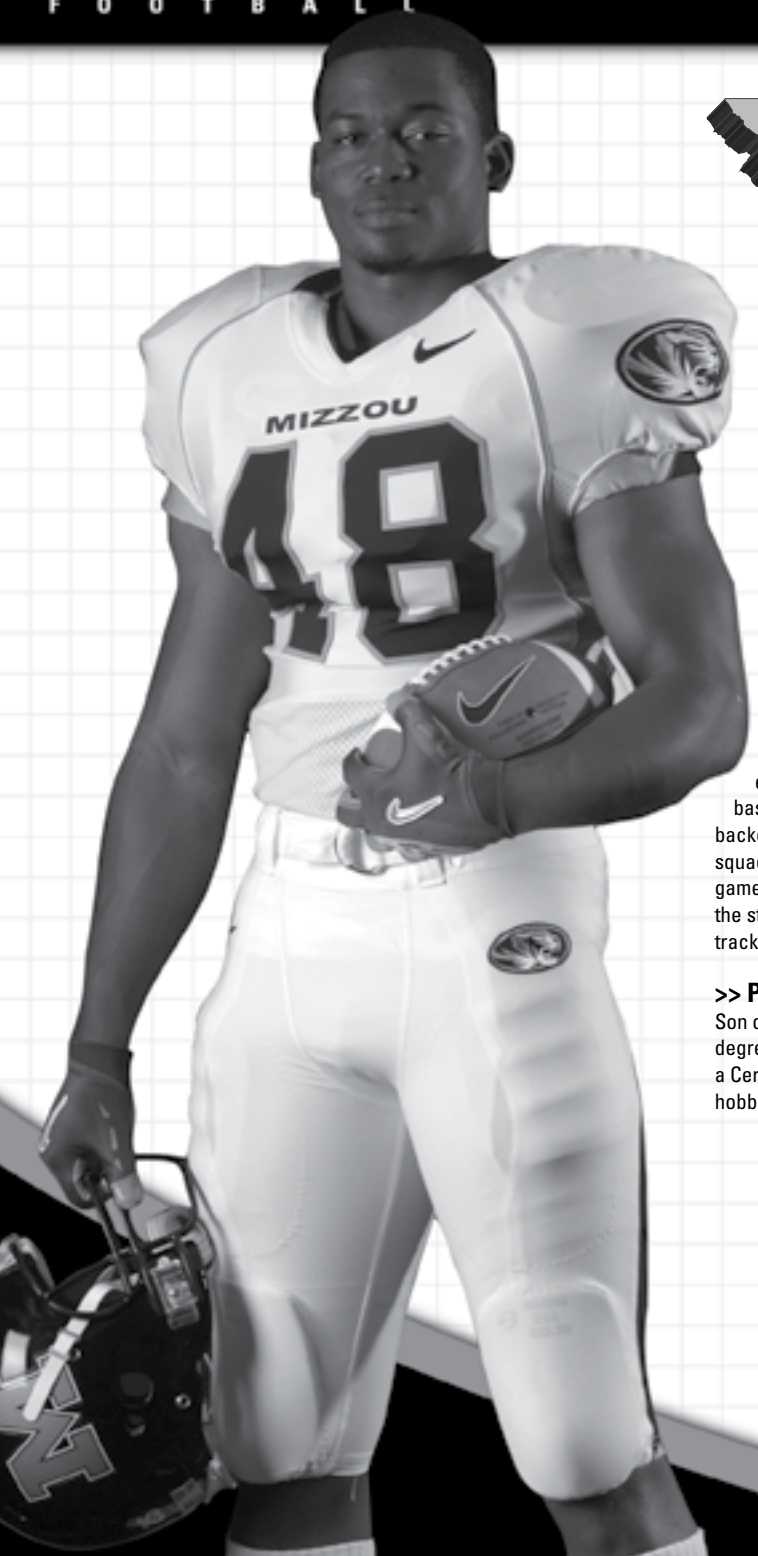
Redshirt season … Missed most of the season while rehabbing a shoulder injury, but was cleared for contact toward the end of the season.

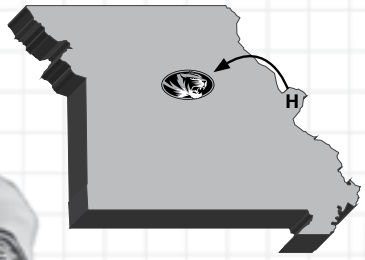
>> HIGH SCHOOL

A highly-coveted offensive lineman who is ranked as the No. 9 O-line prospect in the country, and the No. 91 overall talent at any position in the country, according to Rivals.com … Earned 1st-team all-state and all-metro honors as a senior at Festus High School … Named 2nd-team all-state and earned 1st-team all-conference mention as he established himself as one of the state's top emerging linemen as a junior in 2002 … High school coach – Joel Critchlow.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Kevin & Donna Riggs … Plans to pursue degree in education at Mizzou … Chose MU over Oklahoma, Michigan, Iowa, Penn State and Wisconsin, among others.





#48

Brandon Rooks

Wide Receiver
5-11 • 195 • RS-Fr.
St. Louis, MO (Parkway Central HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

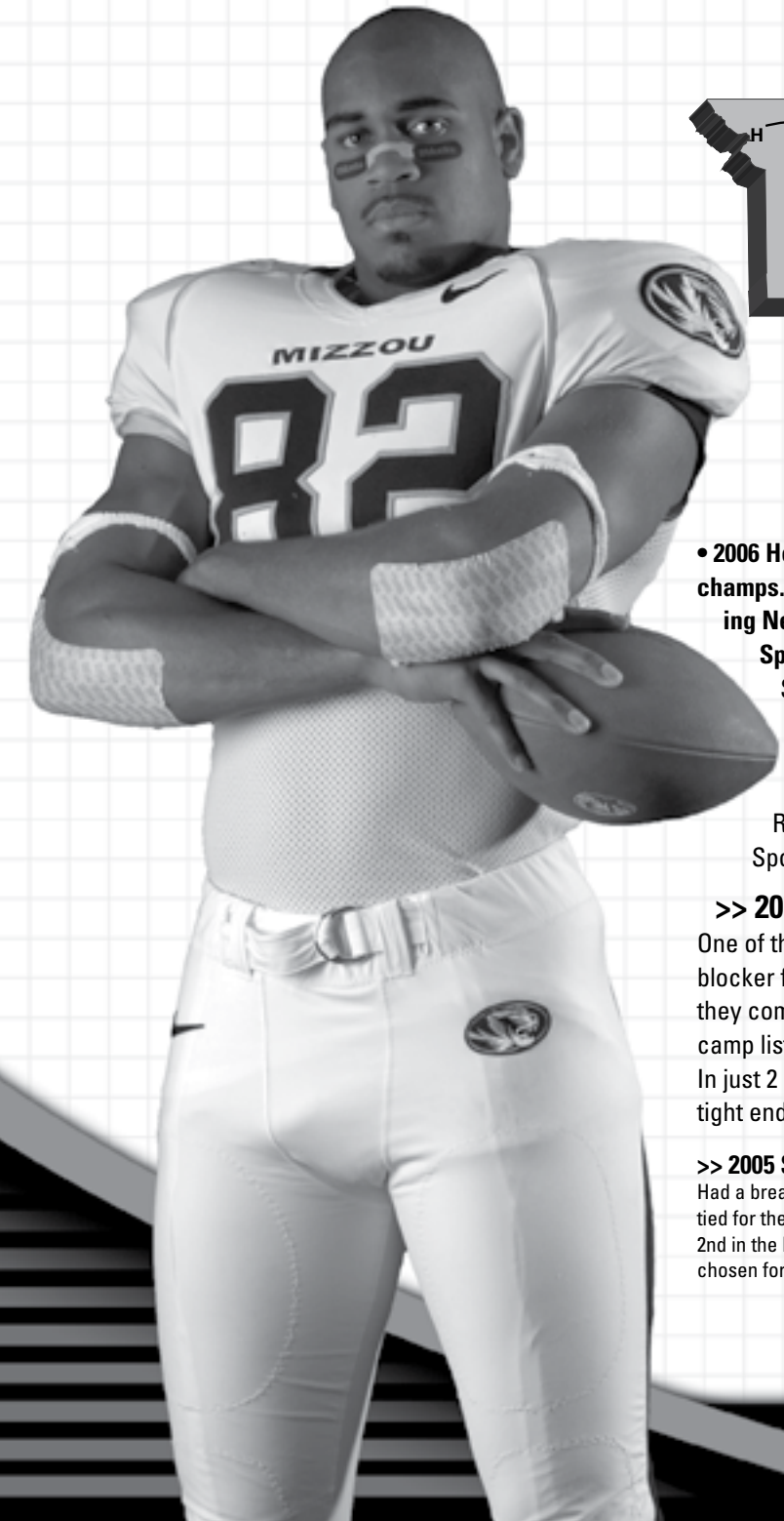
Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth at the wide receiver position for the Tigers, possibly at the H-receiver spot.

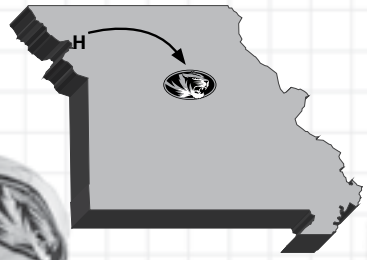
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport standout at St. Louis' Parkway Central High School, earning three letters in football, and adding four more each in both basketball and track and field … Was a receiver and a weakside linebacker on the gridiron for Central … Was a team captain for the basketball squad, earning all-conference honors as a senior with his 15-points per game scoring average … Played on Parkway's team that finished third at the state championships in 2004 … Also served as the team captain for his track squad … High school coach – Mark Goldenberg.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Ronald Fowler & Cynthia Rooks … Intends to earn an accounting degree from MU's School of Business, and lists career goal as becoming a Certified Public Accountant after his football days are over … Among hobbies listed include weightlifting, collecting basketball cards and music.





#82

Martin Rucker

Tight End
6-5 • 245 • Jr.-2L
St. Joseph, MO (Benton HS)

• 2006 Hon. Men. Pre-Season All-American (National-champs.net) • 2006 No. 11 Tight End in the Nation (The Sporting News) • 2006 2nd-Team Pre-Season All-Big 12 (The Sporting News) • 2005 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star) • 2005 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (A.P., Coaches) • 2005 John Mackey Tight End of the Week (Nov. 23) • 2005 Team Receiver of the Year • 2004 2nd-Team Freshman All-American (College Football News, Rivals.com) • 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News) • 2004 Team Freshman of the Year

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

One of the top tight ends in the country… Also an excellent blocker from the tight end position … Is as dependable as they come when he gets hands on the ball … Enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at the tight end position … In just 2 seasons, he already ranks 6th all-time at MU among tight ends with 66 catches for 830 yards.

>> 2005 SEASON

Had a breakout year, leading the Tigers in receptions… His receptions were tied for the most of any tight end in the Big 12, and his yardage total was 2nd in the league… Named 1st-Team All-Big 12 by the Kansas City Star, and chosen for All-Big 12 squad.

>> 2004 SEASON

An outstanding player in MU's offense … Was named a 2nd-Team Freshman All-American (College Football News, Rivals.com) and to the 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 by the Sporting News.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors for his work in practice leading up to the Colorado game.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

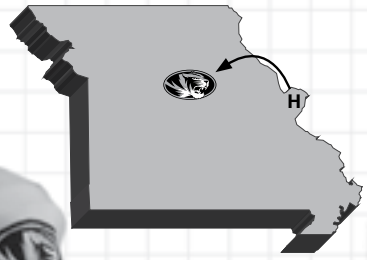
Was a 1st-team all-state tight end who earned 1st-team all-district and all-conference honors at both tight end and defensive end … Ranked as the No. 28 tight end prospect in the country by Rivals.com, and as the No. 12 prospect of any position in the state of Missouri by the same outlet … Ranked as the No. 51 overall prospect in the Midland region by SuperPrep Magazine … High school coach – Pat Byrne.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Martin & LaVell Rucker … Father is member of the House of Representatives in the state of Missouri … Younger brother of former Nebraska All-American Mike Rucker who stars with the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

RUCKER CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving				
	G-GS	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Long**
2004	11-11	19	263	13.8	4	28
2005	12-12	47	567	12.1	1	48
Totals	**23-23**	**66**	**830**	**12.6**	**5**	**48**



#26

Erik Rudin

Defensive Back
5-8 • 170 • RS-Fr.
St. Louis, MO (Parkway Central HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

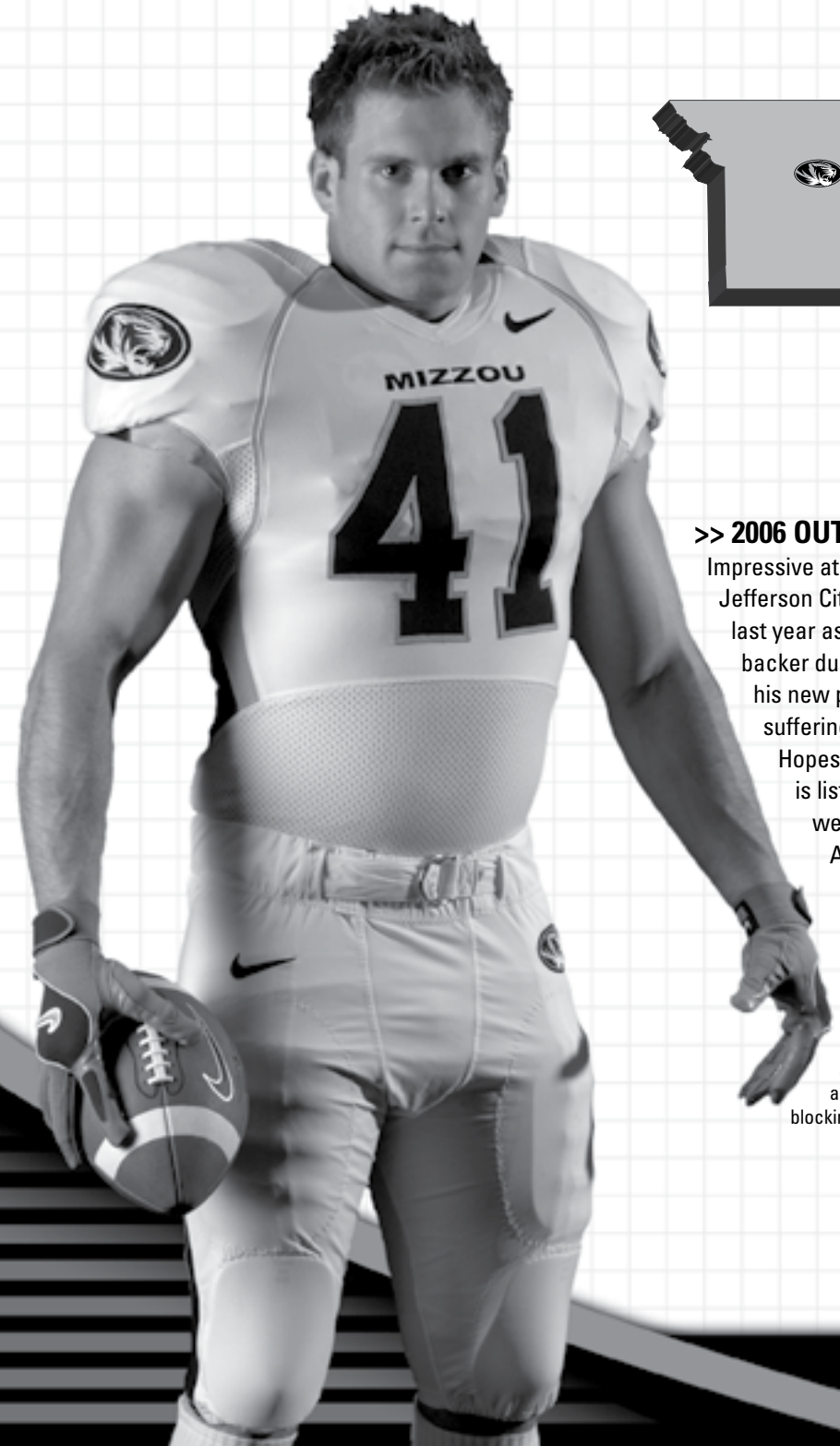
Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth at the cornerback position for the Tigers.

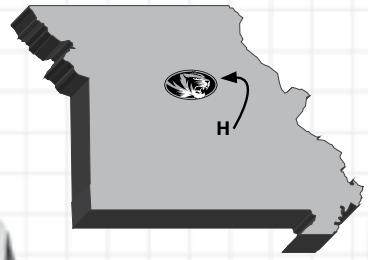
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-year letterwinner at Parkway Central High School in football, and also participated on the track squad … Won a scholar athlete award from his school for his work in the classroom and on the field … High school coach – Bob Trowbridge and Mark Goldenberg.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Kerry Rudin & Melodee Hinkle … Both his parents and his older sister, Jennifer, attended Mizzou … Intends to pursue a degree in MU's School of Business, with interests in accounting, finance and banking.





#41

John Ruth

Linebacker
5-10 • 225 • So.-Sq.
Jefferson City, MO (Jefferson City HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Impressive athlete who is a walk-on from nearby Jefferson City … Spent his first year in the program last year as a reserve tailback, and moved to linebacker during the spring … Was looking good at his new position early in spring camp before suffering a knee injury that required surgery … Hopes to be fully cleared by fall camp, and is listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at the weakside linebacker position heading into August drills … Enrolled at MU in January of 2005 after spending one semester at Truman State.

>> 2005 SEASON

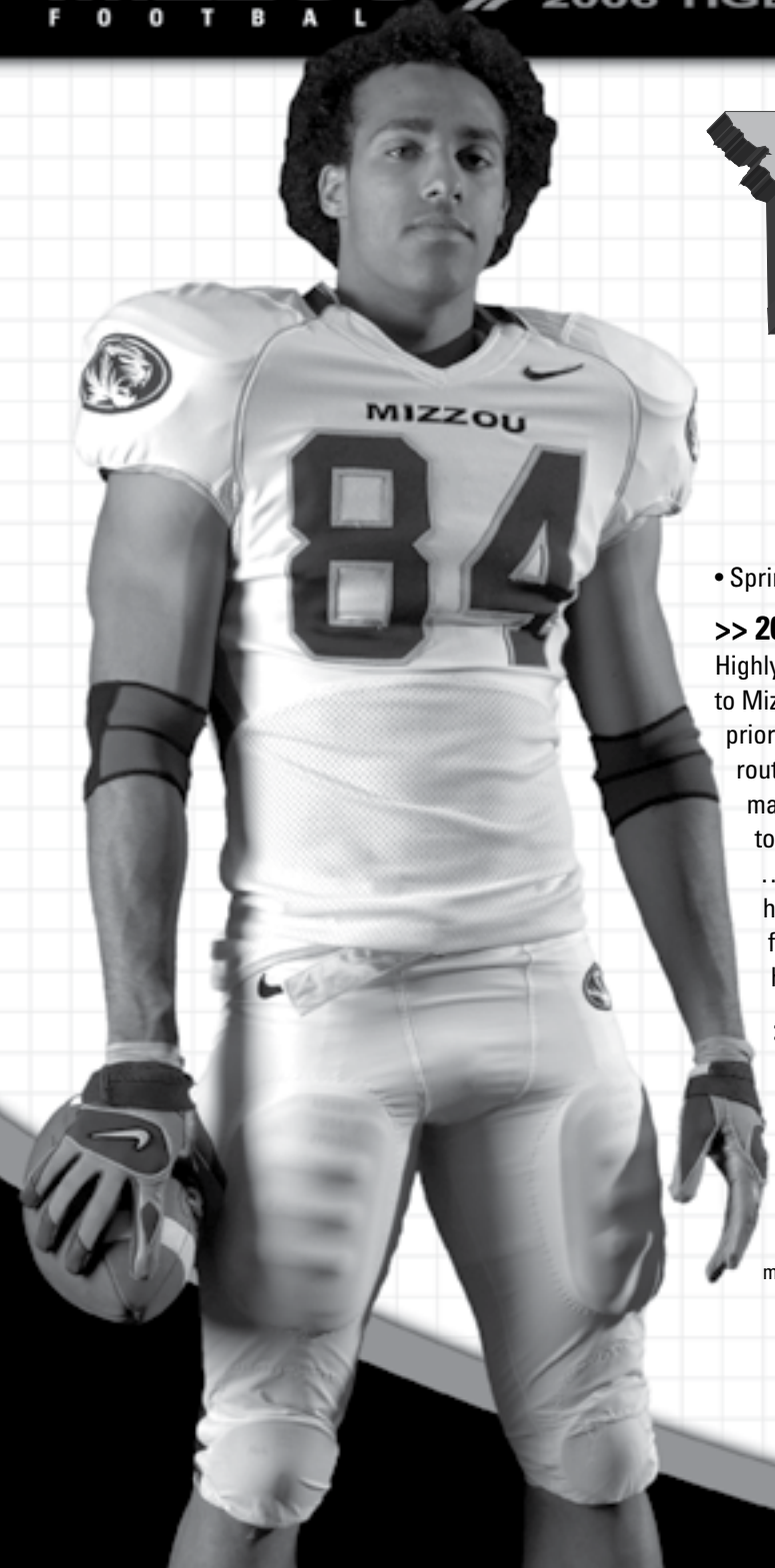
Sat out the season due to NCAA transfer rules … Spent the year working hard in the weight room and as part of the offensive scout team … Had 2 carries for 10 yards in the 2005 spring game, and showed good skills both as a runner and as a blocking back during the spring practice period.

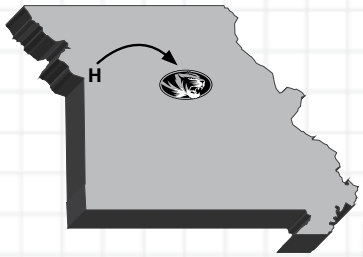
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-sport letterman for Jefferson City High School, competing in football, baseball and track and field for the Jays … Lettered three years in football and earned all-district honors as a senior team captain … High school coach – Tony Grosso.

>> PERSONAL

Son of John & Michelle Ruth … Academic interest lies in business administration.





#84

Tommy Saunders

Wide Receiver
6-0 • 205 • So.-1L
Kearney, MO (Kearney HS)

• Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Wide Receiver

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Highly-accomplished Missouri high school athlete who came to Mizzou as a walk-on wideout and earned a scholarship prior to the start of the 2005 season … Is a sure-handed route runner who has a knack for finding open space and making the catch … Enters fall camp holding down the top spot on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position … An accomplished basketball player in high school, he teamed with Josh Barbo and Austin Huff to win the football program's 2nd annual 3-on-3 hoop tournament held in the spring.

>> 2005 SEASON

Made a nice contribution in his first year on the field, playing in all 12 games, and making 3 starts … Made his 3 starts at the Z-receiver spot… Caught 12 balls for 99 yards… Also tried his hand at returning kickoffs, and averaged 17.8 yards on 4 returns, with a long of 22 yards.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Joined the team as a walk-on, and was a member of the offensive scout team.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

An outstanding all-around athlete who helped lead his Kearney football team to a Class 4 state title as a senior … Was a 1st-Team All-State wide receiver and defensive back for Kearney, and was named the state's defensive player of the year by the coaches' association … Football team went a perfect 14-0 as a senior … Holds the state Class 4 record for career interceptions (23), and most interceptions returned for TDs in a career (5) and season (5) … High school coach – Mark Thomas.

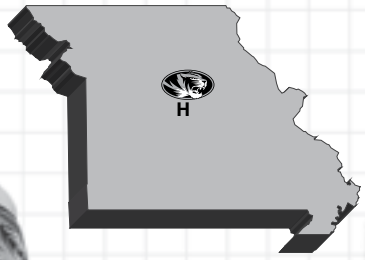
>> PERSONAL

Son of Thomas & Lisa Saunders.

SAUNDERS CAREER STATISTICS

	Receiving					
	G-GS	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Long**
2005	12-3	12	99	8.2	1	16
Totals	**12-3**	**12**	**99**	**8.2**	**1**	**16**

	Kickoff Returns			
	No.	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**
2005	4	71	17.8	22
Totals	**4**	**71**	**17.8**	**22**



#64

Joe Schumacher

Linebacker
5-11 • 235 • RS-Fr.
Columbia, MO (Hickman HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

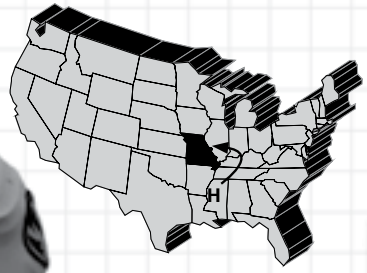
Walk-on Columbia native who was an accomplished linebacker at local Hickman High School, where he helped lead his team to a state title in 2004 … Will likely line up at weakside linebacker for Mizzou, where he will hope to move up the depth chart in the fall.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a standout linebacker for hometown Hickman High School in Columbia, helping lead the Kewpies to the 2004 Class 6 state championship, with a 34-7 defeat over Hazelwood East in the title game, to cap an 11-1 season … Served as a team captain as a senior, and he registered 94 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, and 6 QB sacks on the year … Was honored on various all-state, all-district and all-area teams that season … Made 6 tackles, including 1 QB sack, in the '04 championship game … Had 65 tackles, including 17 TFLs and 5 QB sacks as a junior … High school coach – Greg Nesbitt.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Edward & Mary Kay Schumacher … Plans to study in MU's School of Business, with a planned major of marketing, and a planned minor in computer science … Lists hobbies as playing video games, poker, music and fishing … Is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity … As a baby, he was entered in a crawling contest at the local mall, and he won the race, and is told that his older brother was the catalyst for the victory, as his brother was at the finish line waving his bottle in the air as incentive.



#58

DeMarcus Scott

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 290 • Sr.-1L
Greenville, MS (Weston HS / Mississippi Delta CC)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Second-year junior college defensive lineman who should play an even bigger role in his final year as a Tiger … Begins fall camp lined up at one defensive end position, where he is listed No. 2 on the depth chart heading into camp, after playing at tackle during the spring period … Had off-season surgery to clean up his right shoulder, but is expected to be full strength in time for spring camp … Has added 20 pounds to his frame since originally reporting to Mizzou at 270 pounds.

>> 2005 SEASON

Junior college transfer who came on late in the year to provide a big impact at defensive end, as he backed up all-Big 12 performer Brian Smith … Had 23 tackles in 7 games, with all 23 stops coming in the Tigers' final 6 games of the regular season … Averaged 4.5 tackles per game in MU's last 4 games, including a career-high 6 tackles each in games at Kansas and Colorado … Recorded 3 tackles each in the final 2 games, against Baylor and at Kansas State, and added a half-tackle for loss against the Bears (3 yards) … Also had a TFL against Iowa State (3 yards), as he recorded 3 total tackles in his first significant playing time of the year … Was a mid-year transfer who competed in spring ball for the Tigers, and entered fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the DT spot.

>> JUNIOR COLLEGE

Ranked as the No. 40 junior college prospect in the nation, regardless of position, by SuperPrep … Was an all-state selection at Mississippi Delta Community College, as he had 58 tackles and 3 sacks as a sophomore in 2004 … Had 40 stops, 1 sack and 1 interception as a freshman there in 2003 … Junior college coach – Jay Miller.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

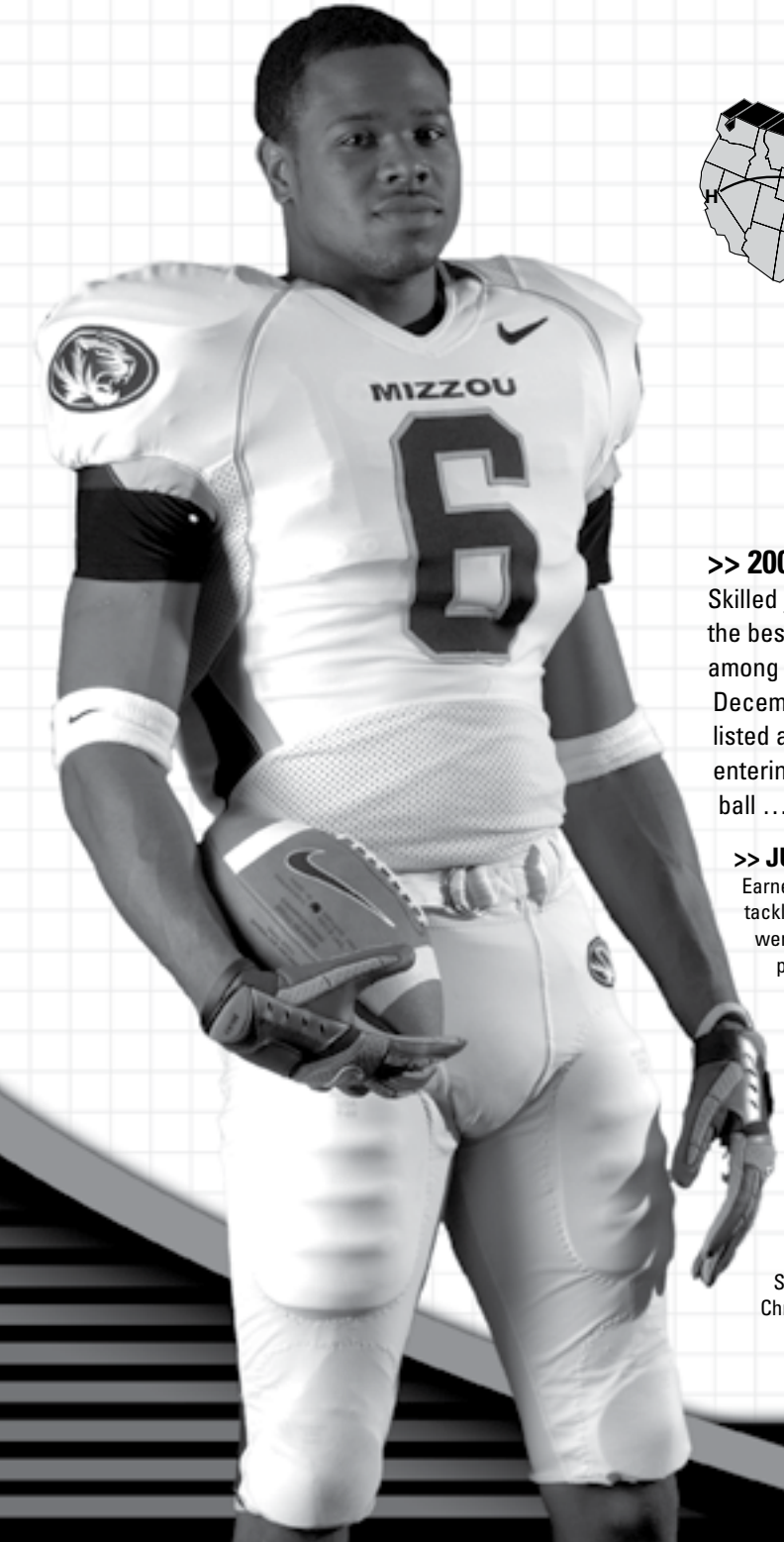
Was a star linebacker in high school who originally committed to LSU, before moving to defensive line in junior college … Was ranked as the nation's No. 33 linebacker prospect coming out of high school … Had 108 tackles, 4 sacks, 6 forced fumbles and 4 fumble recoveries as a senior in 2002, a year after registering 130 tackles, 8 sacks and 2 fumble recoveries as a junior … High school coach – Phil Short.

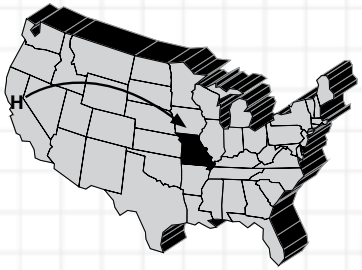
>> PERSONAL

Son of Victor & Pamela Scott … Chose MU over Mississippi, Iowa State, UAB, Cincinnati and Bowling Green, among others … Academic interest lies in MU's School of Nursing.

SCOTT CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks
2005	7-0	8-15	23	1.5-6	0.5-3
Totals	**7-0**	**8-15**	**23**	**1.5-6**	**0.5-3**





#6

Paul Simpson

Free Safety
6-2 • 185 • Jr.-Tr.
Oakland, CA (San Leandro HS/Chabot CC)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Skilled junior college defensive back who will have perhaps the best shot at providing an immediate impact for Mizzou among newcomers … Graduated from Chabot C.C. last December, and was able to participate in spring drills … Is listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the free safety position entering fall camp, after he got his feet wet during spring ball … Has two years to play two at Mizzou.

>> JUNIOR COLLEGE

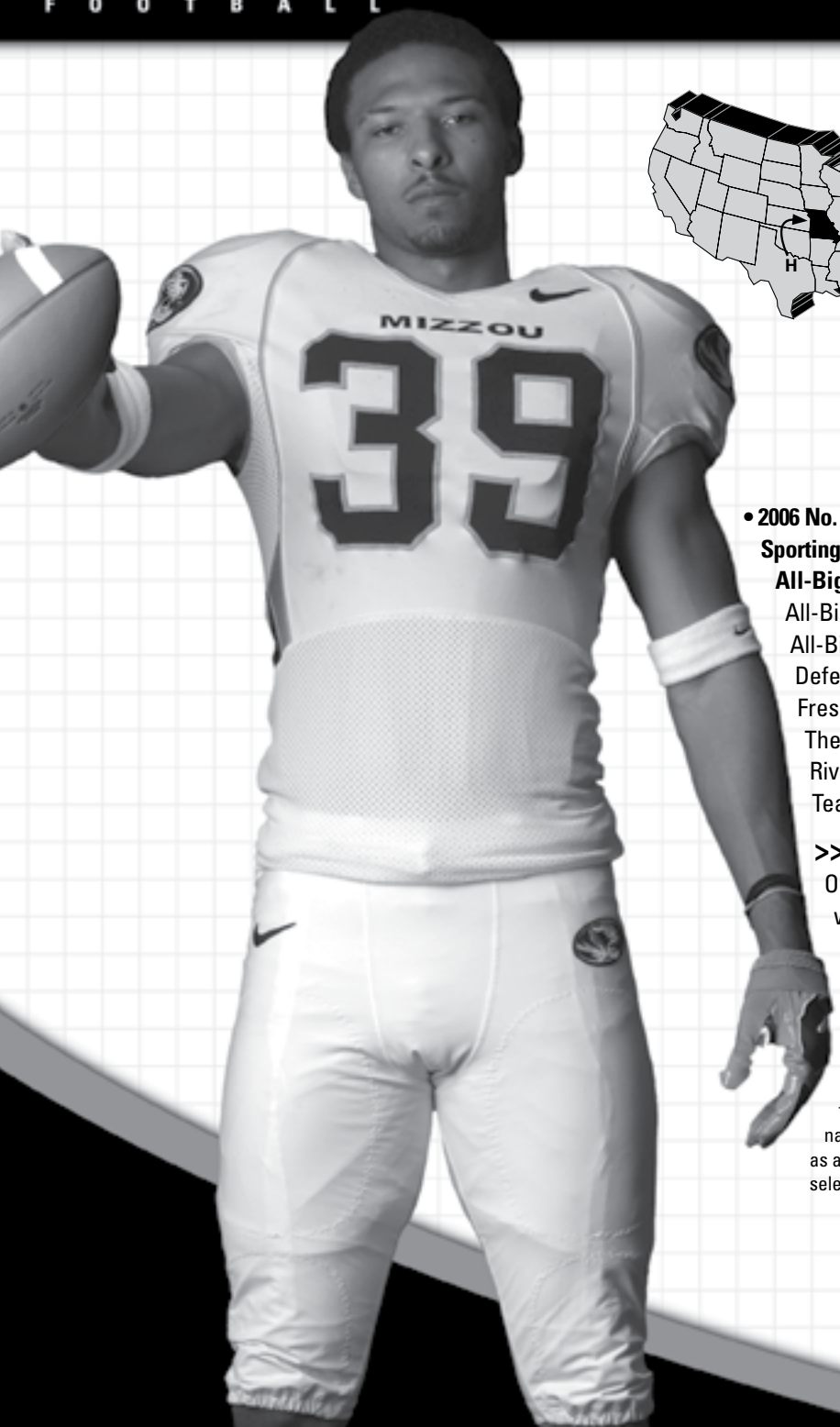
Earned All-Conference honors at Chabot in 2005, as he amassed 60 tackles, broke up 7 passes and grabbed 1 interception … Gladiators were the Golden Gate Conference champions in 2005 … Caught a TD pass against Merced that helped give team a 21-9 victory early in the season … Junior college coach – Danny Calcagno.

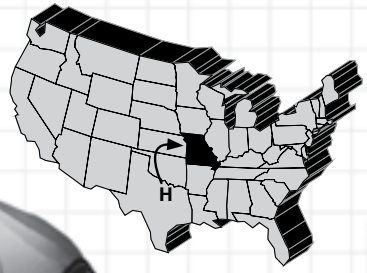
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a two-year letterman in both football and basketball, at San Leandro High School.

>> PERSONAL

Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, where he lived until he was 7 years old … Mother – Pauline Simpson … Has an interest in studying business management at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Oregon State, Fresno State, Colorado State, New Mexico, BYU and San Diego State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.





#39

Brian Smith

Defensive End
6-4 • 230 • Sr.-3L
Denton, TX (Ryan HS)

• 2006 No. 20 Defensive End in the Nation (The Sporting News) • 2006 2nd-Team Pre-Season All-Big 12 (The Sporting News) • 2005 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Houston Chronicle) • 2005 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (A.P., Kansas City Star) • 2005 Team Defensive Lineman of the Year • 2003 1st-Team Freshman All-American (Scripps/FWAA, The Sporting News, College Football News, Rivals.com, College Sports Report) • 2003 Team Freshman of the Year

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

One of the nation's most underrated players who is Mizzou's career record holder in QB sacks … Is listed atop the depth chart at one defensive end position heading into fall camp.

>> 2005 SEASON

Named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 by the Associated Press, and was named by the league coaches as an honorable mention all-league selection.

>> 2004 SEASON

Had a solid follow-up to his successful freshman season … Was named to honorable mention All-Big 12 team by the league media for the 2nd straight season.

>> 2003 SEASON

Made huge contributions as a redshirt freshman, and was named 1st-Team Freshman All-American by several outlets.

>> 2002 SEASON

Redshirt year … Was named defensive scout team player of the week twice, for his efforts during the week of the Illinois and Texas Tech games.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

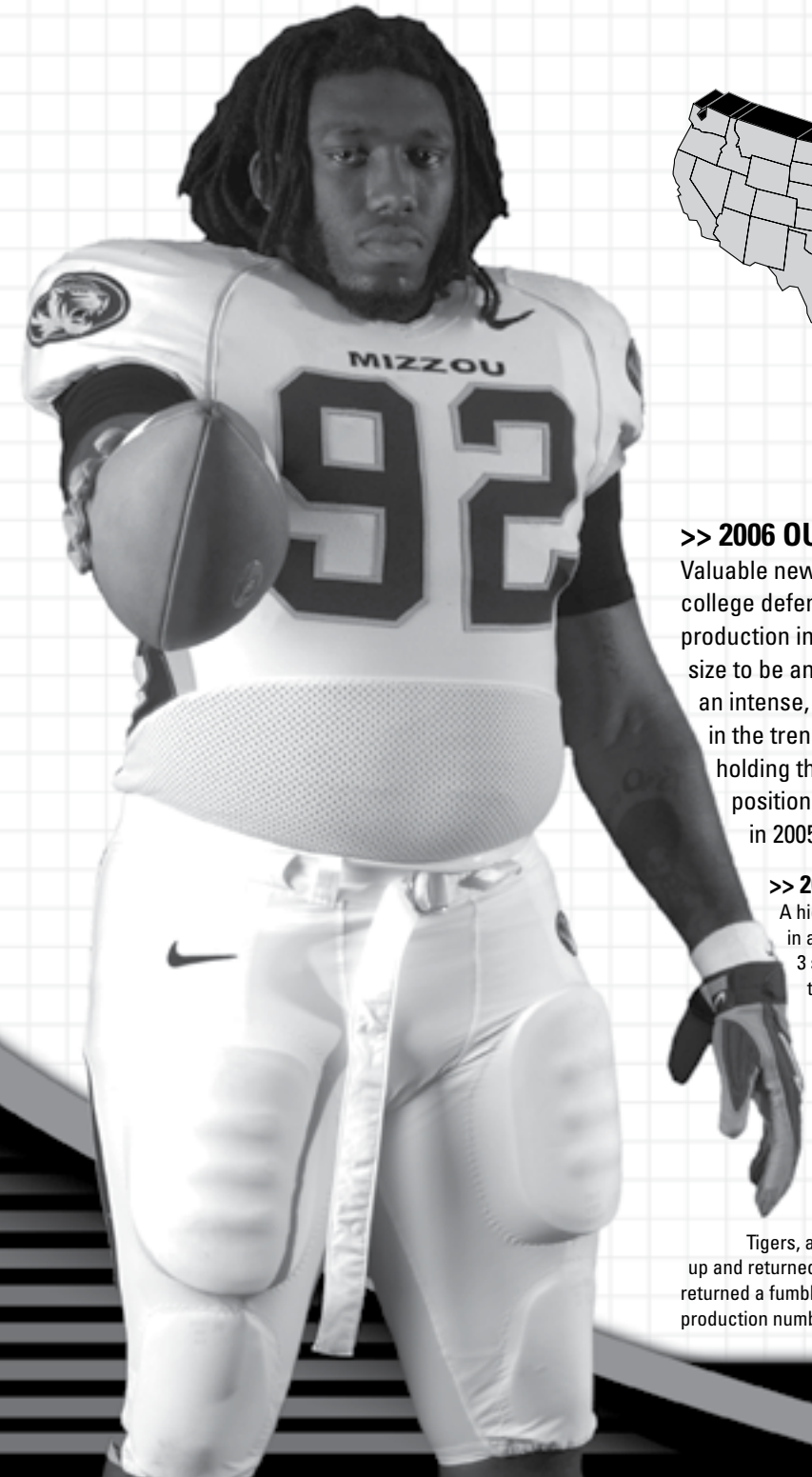
One of the top pass rushers out of the state of Texas … Rated the 50th-best player in the state of Texas by the Dallas Morning News … High school coach – Joey Florence.

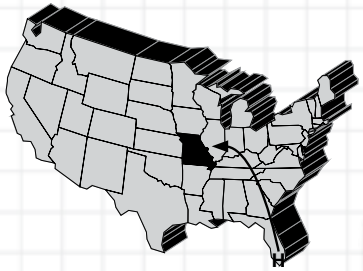
>> PERSONAL

Son of Arthur and Fredia Montgomery … Career interest lies in psychology.

SMITH CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Fumbles			
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	Force-Rec.	INT	QBH	PBU
2003	13-9	26-15	41	8-49	8-49	4-1	0-0	13	0
2004	11-0	15-7	22	7-51	7-51	2-0	0-0	7	2
2005	12-12	42-24	66	17-70	9-53	2-0	1-0	12	5
Totals	**36-21**	**83-46**	**129**	**33-170**	**24-153**	**8-1**	**1-0**	**32**	**7**





#92

Jamar Smith

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 290 • Sr.-1L
Miami, FL (Southridge HS/NE Oklahoma A&M)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Valuable newcomer to the program last year as a junior college defensive lineman, who looks to provide even more production in his final year as a Tiger … Has the talent and size to be an all-conference performer in the middle … Is an intense, emotional player who is not afraid to mix it up in the trenches to get the job done … Enters fall camp holding the top spot on the depth chart at the noseguard position, after starting the majority of the season there in 2005 … Nicknamed "Tank" by his teammates.

>> 2005 SEASON

A highly-regarded junior college defensive lineman who came in and provided an immediate impact for a line where MU lost 3 starters from the 2004 season … Joined the team in May, in time for summer conditioning, after graduating from junior college … Took over the starting job at nosetackle in game #4, and never relinquished the spot, starting each of the Tigers' last 9 games there … Recorded 45 tackles, the 2nd-highest total among Tiger defensive linemen, and was 3rd on the team with his 12 tackles for loss (37 yards) … Had 3.5 QB sacks (18 yards), and was 3rd on the team with 5 QB hurries … Made 4 tackles, including 1.5 TFL (7 yards total) in the Tigers' bowl win over South Carolina … Had 2 big plays that directly resulted in defensive scores for the Tigers, as he forced a fumble against Iowa State that was picked up and returned by DE Xzavie Jackson 16 yards for a TD, and he later returned a fumble himself for 12 yards and a TD at #24 Colorado … Highest production numbers came against #2 Texas, and at Kansas, as he recorded a season-best 7 tackles in each outing … Had an efficient 4-tackle day against Troy, as 3.5 of his stops were for loss (9 yards), including 2.5 QB sacks (6 yards) … Also had 2 QB hurries against the Trojans.

>> JUNIOR COLLEGE

Ranked as one of the top-100 junior college prospects in the nation at any position, according to SuperPrep … Was an all-conference performer as a sophomore for NEO, as he racked up 89 tacks and 9 QB sacks on the season … Also played in 2003, accumulating 31 tackles and 2 QB sacks … Junior College Coach – Steve Patterson.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

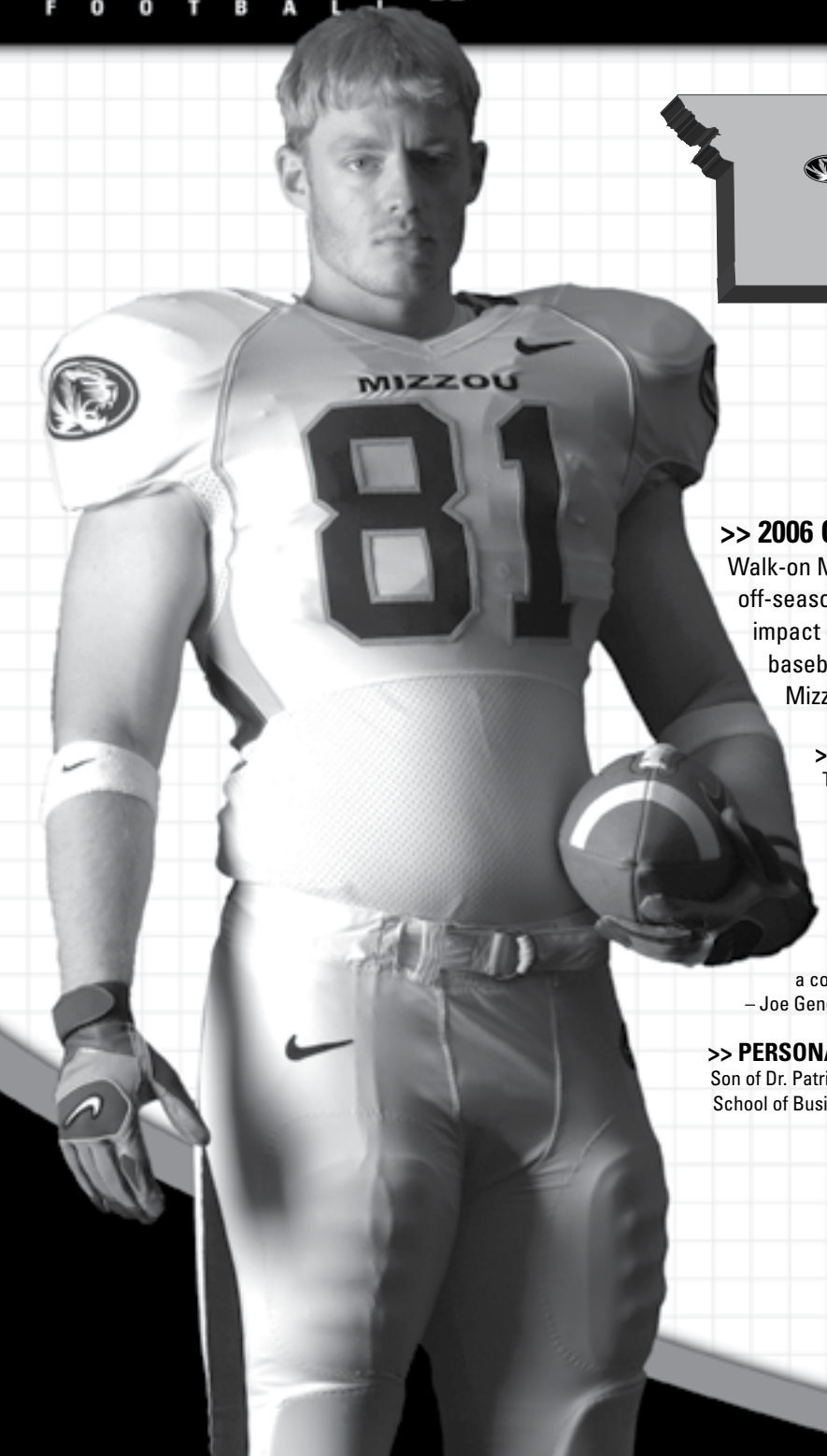
Lettered in football and track as a prepster at Southridge High School in his native Miami, Fla. … Had interest from Florida State, Florida, Ohio State and North Carolina State, to name a few schools, coming out of high school before he went the junior college route … High school coach – Stu Rogers.

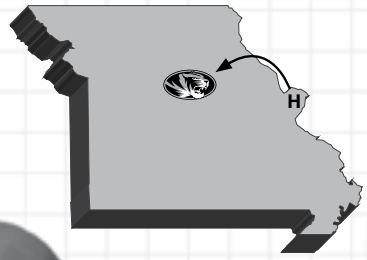
>> PERSONAL

Son of Anthony Adams and Patrice Smith … Chose MU over Oklahoma State and Louisiana Tech, among others … Academic interest lies in criminal justice.

SMITH CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Fumbles	
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	Fcd.-Rec.	QBH
2005	12-9	27-18	45	12-37	3.5-18	1-1	5
Totals	**12-9**	**27-18**	**45**	**12-37**	**3.5-18**	**1-1**	**5**





#81

Christopher Sobota

Defensive Lineman
6-2 • 245 • So.
St. Louis, MO (Priory HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

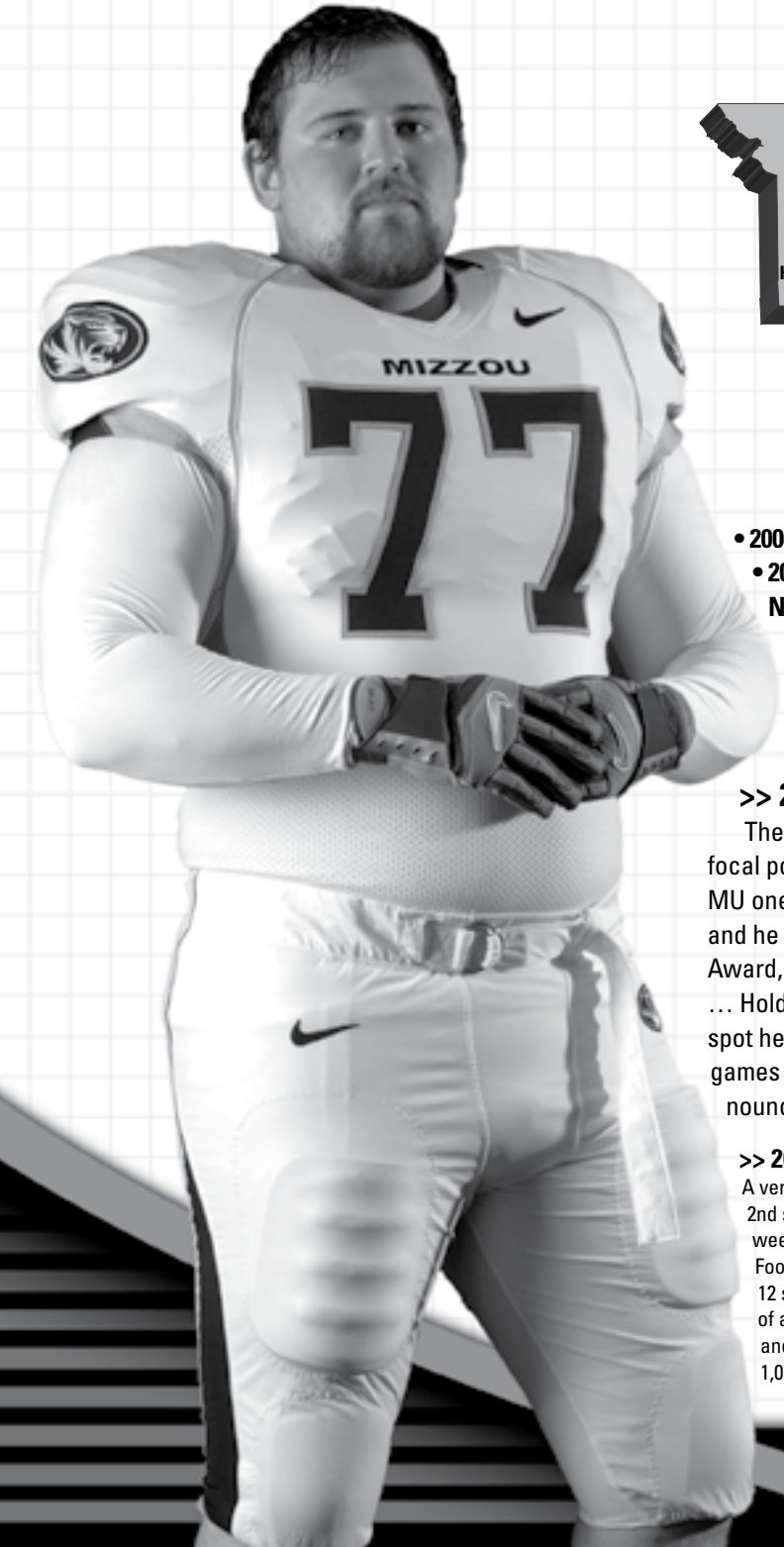
Walk-on Missouri native who joined the squad in the off-season, and enters the fall working to make an impact on the Tiger defensive line … Played club baseball in the fall of 2005 while enrolled at Mizzou, prior to joining the football squad.

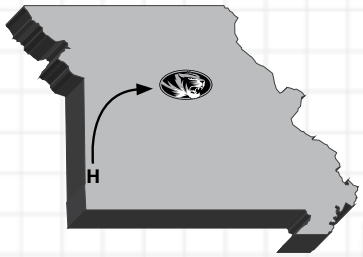
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport athlete at St. Louis Priory High School, lettering twice each in football, basketball and track and field … Earned 2nd-Team all-state honors as an offensive tackle as a senior during the 2003 season … Was named 1st-Team all-conference at the same position in both 2002 and 2003 … Also played defensive end, and recorded 46 tackles and 3 QB sacks as a senior … Played on school baseball team which won a conference championship in 2004 … High school coach – Joe Genoni.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Dr. Patrick Sobota & Sue George … Intends to study in MU's School of Business, with an interest in marketing or public relations.





#77

Adam Spieker

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 310 • Jr.-2L
Webb City, MO (Webb City HS)

• 2006 No. 11 Center in the Nation (The Sporting News) • 2006 2nd-Team Pre-Season All-Big 12 (The Sporting News) • 2005 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches) • 2005 1st-Team Sophomore All-American (College Football News) • 2004 2nd-Team Freshman All-American (Rivals.com) • 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

The anchor of Mizzou's offensive line who will be the focal point of the Tiger attack at the center position … Gives MU one of the most highly-regarded centers in the nation, and he should be a pre-season candidate for the Rimington Award, which is given annually to the nation's top center … Holds down the top spot on the depth chart at the center spot heading into fall camp … Has started 23 consecutive games there entering the 2006 season … Last name is pronounced SPEE-kerr.

>> 2005 SEASON

A very talented center who anchored the Tiger offensive line for the 2nd straight season, and had an outstanding year, grading highly each week … Was named a 1st-Team Sophomore All-American by College Football News for his stellar play … Earned honorable mention All-Big 12 status from the league's coaches for his play in 2005 … Was part of a line that helped MU rank 17th nationally in rushing (205.25 ypg), and helped QB Brad Smith put up only the 3rd 2,000-yard passing and 1,000-yard rushing season in NCAA Div. I-A history.

>> 2004 SEASON

Started all 11 games at center, and had a solid debut season as a redshirt freshman, despite facing the daunting task of replacing A.J. Ricker … Was named a 2nd-Team Freshman All-American for his efforts by Rivals.com, and also landed a spot on the 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 squad picked by The Sporting News … Had a solid spring, one that was encouraging enough to see him listed at No. 1 on the depth chart heading into the fall.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors in practice for his work leading up to the Oklahoma game.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the No. 3 offensive lineman in the Missouri-Kansas region by MoKan Football … Rivals.com had him as the No. 26 offensive guard prospect in the country, and as the No. 8 prospect in the state of Missouri (all positions) … Rated as the No. 53 overall prospect in the Midland region by SuperPrep Magazine … Earned all-state mention as a defensive lineman each of his last two seasons at Webb City, where he was an all-area performer for two years on the offensive line … Rated as the No. 1 offensive and defensive lineman (all classes) in 2002 by Danny Heitert of STC Grid Report … Holds school records in the shot put and discus … High school coach – John Roderigue.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Curt & Holly Spieker … National Honor Society Member … Academic interest lies in business at MU.

#51

James Stigall

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 305 • RS-Fr.
Blue Springs, MO (Blue Springs HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

A highly-regarded lineman who will get his first chance as a redshirt freshman to contribute to the cause … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at center, behind incumbent starter Adam Spieker.

>> 2005 SEASON

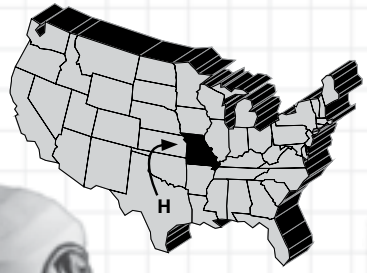
Redshirt season … Worked hard as part of the offensive scout team in practice each day, and also in the strength program to add 15 pounds to his frame.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Widely regarded as the top offensive lineman in the state of Missouri, who was a two-way star on the line of scrimmage for the powerhouse Blue Springs High School program … Ranked as the No. 15 offensive guard in the nation by Tom Lemming of ESPN.com … Ranked by SuperPrep as the No. 25 overall prospect in the Midland region, and as the No. 33 offensive lineman in the nation … Weighs in as the No. 39 offensive guard prospect in the country, according to Rivals.com … Rivals also had him as the No. 6 overall prospect in the state of Missouri, regardless of position … Was a 1st-Team all-state selection as a junior and senior, and also added 1st-Team KC all-metro, all-conference, all-area and all-district honors for both years, as well … Was also his team's offensive lineman MVP each of his last two years … Teamed with fellow 2005 MU signee Jaron Baston to help lead Blue Springs to Class 6A state championship as a junior in 2003, and consecutive conference and district championships in 2003 and 2004 … Teamed with fellow 2005 MU signee Jaron Baston to help lead Blue Springs to Class 6 state championship as a junior in 2003, and consecutive conference and district championships in 2003 and 2004 … Helped offense accumulate nearly 400 yards in the state title game in which Blue Springs defeated Hazelwood Central by a 53-0 count to cap off a perfect 13-0 season … An excellent all-around athlete who also lettered in track for three years and basketball for two years … High school coach – Kelly Donohoe.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Jeff & Sandy Stigall, with both parents being Mizzou alums … Chose MU over Wisconsin, Kansas State, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kansas and Northwestern, among others … Lists hobbies as sports, video games and working out … Was an honor roll student at Blue Springs with a grade point average of just under 4.0 … Academic interest lies in either political science or business.



#38

Stryker Sulak

Defensive End
6-5 • 245 • So.-1L
Rockdale, TX (Rockdale HS)

- 2005 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)
- 2005 Team Freshman of the Year

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Exciting young defensive end with a big motor and fearless demeanor who should be a staple on the Tiger line for years to come … Took over as a starter at one end position midway through his redshirt freshman season, and looks to challenge for the same spot once again … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth, just behind senior Xzavie Jackson … Has added 20 pounds to his frame since joining the program.

>> 2005 SEASON

Very talented and athletic defensive end who emerged as a big playmaker in his first season on the field for the Tigers … Shared the team's freshman of the year honors with TE Chase Coffman, and was named a 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 performer by the Sporting News … Took over as the starter at one end spot for the final 7 games of the season … Had 38 total tackles on the year, including 6.5 tackles for loss (42 yards) and 4 QB sacks (34 yards) … Tied for 2nd on the team with 3 forced fumbles, as he forced a fumble each in three consecutive games against Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

>> 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Made quite an impression during fall camp and throughout the season during practice, making big plays constantly.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

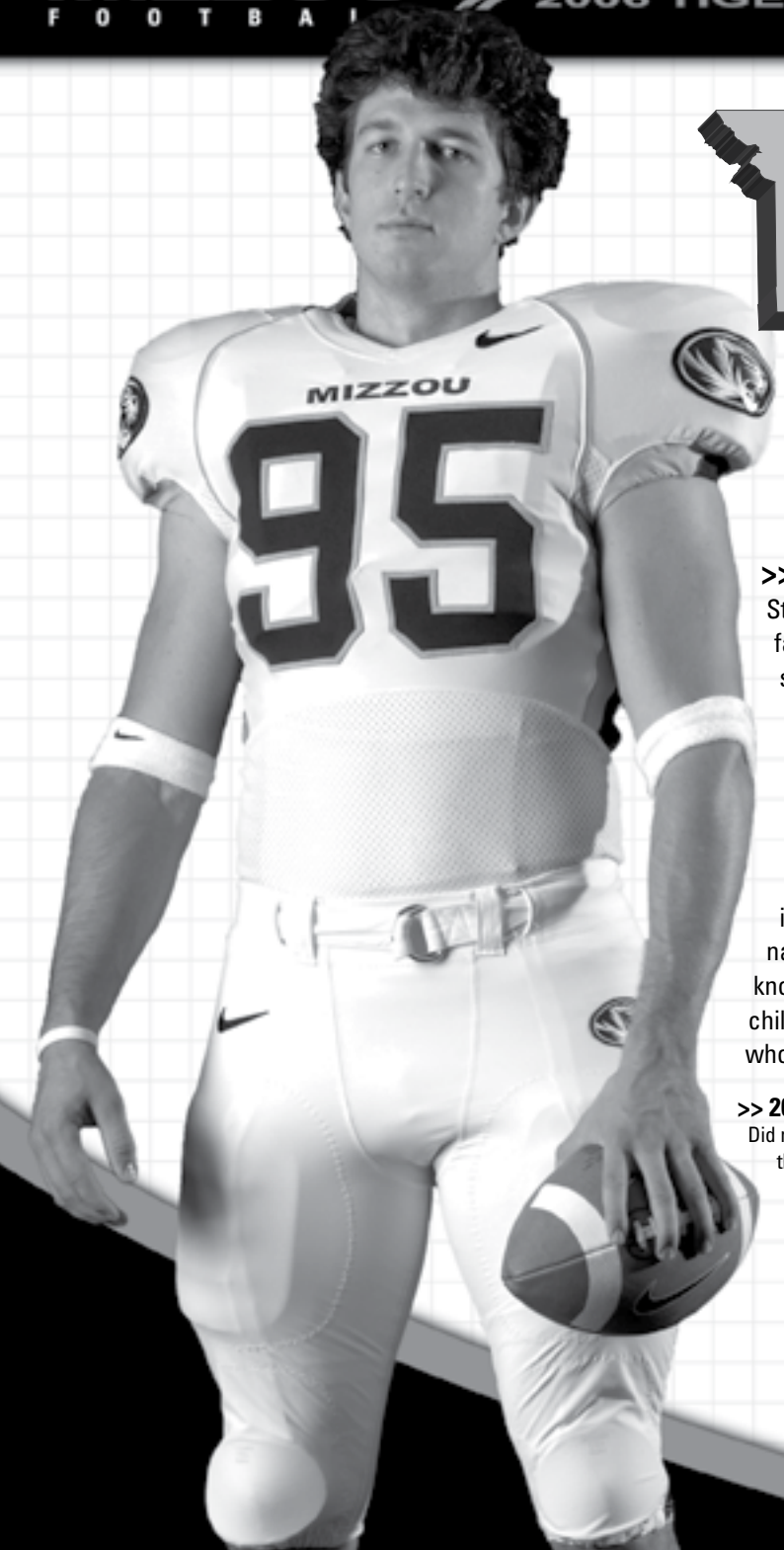
Standout defensive end at Rockdale High School who was a 1st-team all-state selection in 2003 by the Texas Sports Writers Association after leading his team with 83 tackles … Earned 1st-team all-district mention as well as his team's defensive MVP award that year … High school coach – Casey Creghan.

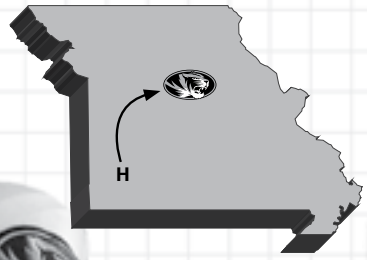
>> PERSONAL

Son of Steven & Rachel Glaser … Chose MU over Houston, Arkansas, Iowa, Texas A&M, and TCU, among others … Plans to pursue a degree in business at Mizzou.

SULAK CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles					Fumbles	
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	Force	QBH	PBU
2005	12-7	22-16	38	6.5-42	4-34	3	5	1
Totals	**12-7**	**22-16**	**38**	**6.5-42**	**4-34**	**3**	**5**	**1**





#95

Trace Teas

Placekicker
6-1 • 205 • Jr.-Sq.
Springfield, MO (Kickapoo HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Strong-legged walk-on lefty placekicker who enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart … Enjoyed some national exposure during the 2005 season when his family was the subject of a home makeover on the popular ABC show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" … The show tore down an old, dilapidated structure where his family runs a nondenominational Christian camp that cares for children with disabilities and illnesses, and replaced it with a brand-new building that was debuted on national television in October of 2005 … The home, known as Camp Barnabus, serves on average 300-400 children a week, including 100-120 special needs kids who invite their siblings.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see game action, but continued his valuable contributions to the scout team.

>> 2004 SEASON

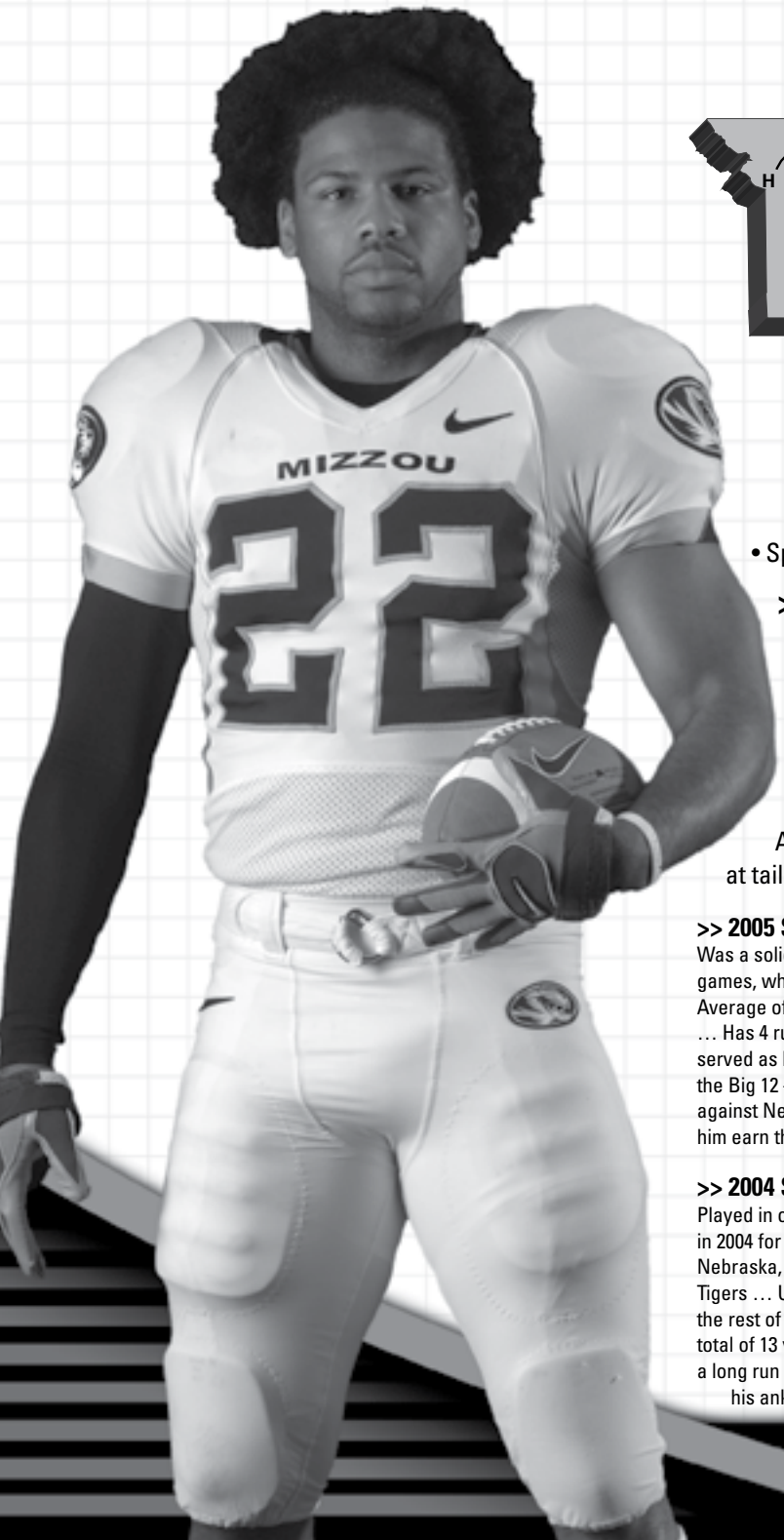
Joined the team as a walk-on and contributed to the scout team efforts throughout the year.

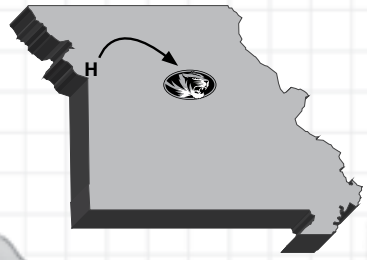
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a letterman in 2003 for coach Scott Mullins … Served as the team's captain during his senior year, and he racked up 43 tackles and 3 ½ QB sacks that season.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Paul & Cyndy Teas … Is majoring in psychology at Mizzou.





#22

Tony Temple

Tailback
5-9 • 190 • Jr.-1L
Kansas City, MO (Rockhurst HS)

• Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Offensive Back

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Explosive tailback who has the ability to take it the distance each time he touches the ball, whether from scrimmage, or in the return game … Missed the spring practice period while recovering from shoulder surgery in late February … Is expected to be at 100 percent by the opening of fall camp in August, and is listed as co-No. 1 on the depth chart at tailback, along with fellow junior Marcus Woods.

>> 2005 SEASON

Was a solid contributor in his first full season for the Tigers, playing in 10 games, while making starts in 2 of the final 3 games of the season … Average of 5.4 yards per carry was the best mark among Tiger regulars … Has 4 rushes of 30 yards or more, most among Tiger tailbacks … Also served as MU's top kickoff return man, and led the Tigers – and ranked 4th in the Big 12 – with an average of 23.5 yards per return, with a long of 36 yards against New Mexico … Had an outstanding spring practice period that saw him earn the team's Most Improved Offensive Back Award.

>> 2004 SEASON

Played in one game on the year, being one of only two true freshmen to play in 2004 for the Tigers … Chose to end his redshirt season in game No. 8 at Nebraska, due to personnel issues at tailback, and his desire to play for the Tigers … Unfortunately met with injury in the game, and was unable to play the rest of the season … Carried 6 times for the Tigers at Nebraska, for a total of 13 yards, as the Tiger ground game was held in check all day … Had a long run of 6 yards on the day, before leaving early in the 4th quarter with his ankle injury.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the nation's top tailback prospects who was a major addition to Mizzou's 2004 class … Ranked as the No. 8 running back prospect in the country, as well as the No. 79 overall talent at any position in the country, according to Rivals.com … ESPN.com ranks him as the nation's No. 2 tailback and No. 18 overall prospect at any position … Played in just 3 full games a senior due to nagging shoulder and hamstring injuries, but still was named to the U.S. Army All-American team after rushing for 950 yards and 9 touchdowns … Earned USA Today top Missouri player honors for his exploits as a junior … Was a three-time all-state winner at tailback and was named an all-American by Student Sports Magazine, Sports Illustrated, among other publications … High school coach – Tony Severino.

>> PERSONAL

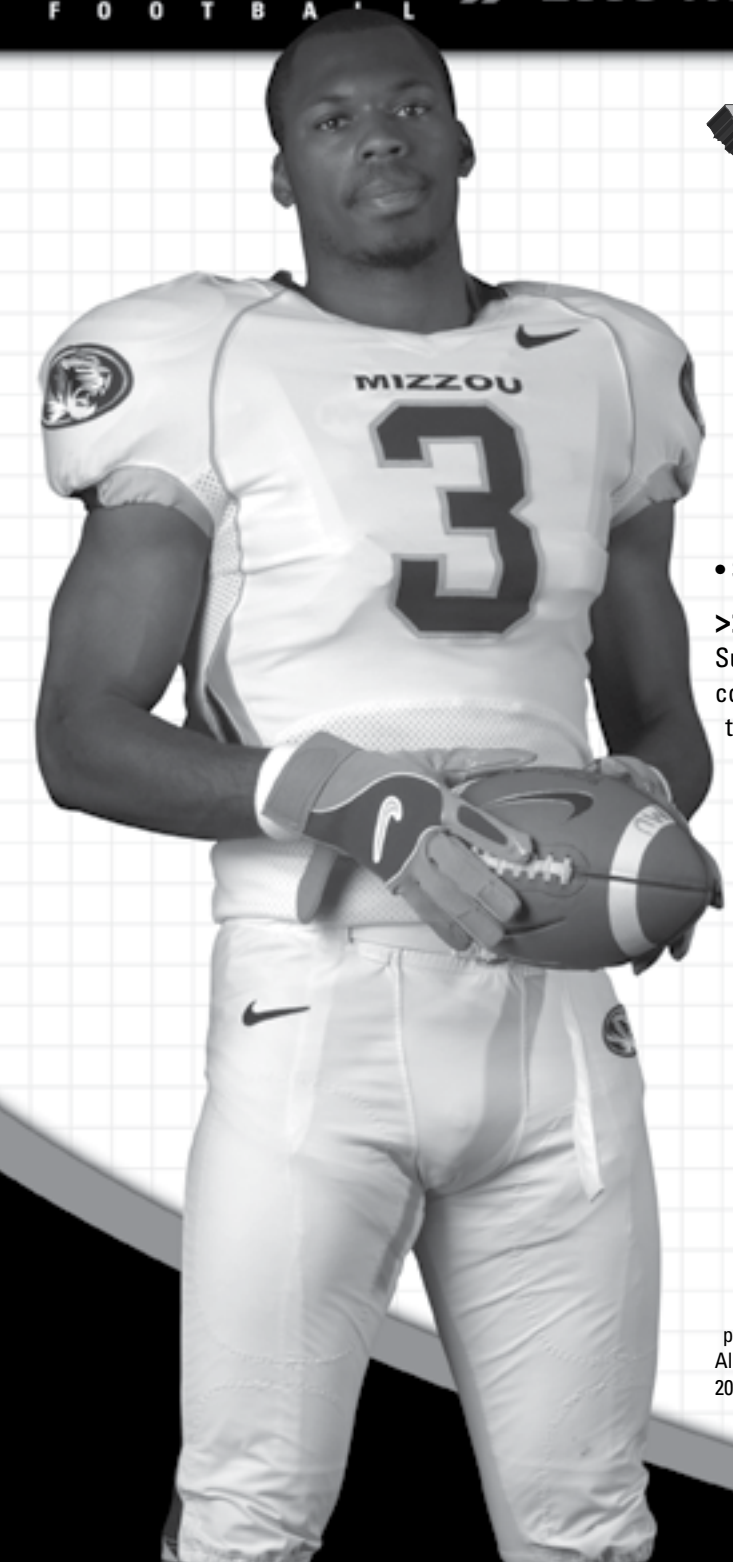
Son of Tony & Diana Temple … Plans to pursue degree in business at Mizzou

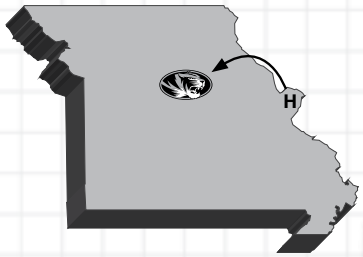
TEMPLE CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.-Yds	TDs
2004	1-0	6-13	2.2	0	6	0-0	0
2005	10-2	81-437	5.4	3	59	16-70	0
Totals	**11-2**	**87-450**	**5.2**	**3**	**59**	**16-70**	**0**

Kickoff Returns

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
2005	16	376	23.5	36
Totals	**16**	**376**	**23.5**	**36**





#3

Darnell Terrell

Defensive Back
6-2 • 200 • Jr.-1L
St. Louis, MO (Eureka HS/Coffeyville CC)

• Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Defensive Back

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Superb athlete and junior college transfer who made contributions as a reserve cornerback in his first year with the program, and who looks to be a future star in the Tiger secondary … With a secondary that loses 3-of-4 starters from a year ago, he now has an opportunity to earn a starting role at one cornerback position, and he enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at one of those CB spots … Had a strong spring practice session, and earned the team's most improved defensive back award at the annual spring game … After redshirting in his first year in junior college, he now has two years of eligibility remaining at Mizzou .

>> 2005 SEASON

Saw action in all 12 games, recording 13 tackles, 2 interceptions and 3 passes broken up … Has practiced as a kick returner, and could factor into that mix, as well.

>> JUNIOR COLLEGE

One of the top junior college defensive backs in the nation who came to Mizzou after originally signing with the Tigers out of high school, as part of MU's 2003 recruiting class … Ranked as the No. 41 junior college player in the nation, by SuperPrep … Earned NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American honors and 1st-Team all-conference honors at free safety in 2004 for Coffeyville after racking up 46 tackles, and adding 4 pass break ups, 1 interception and 1 blocked kick … Also recovered a fumble and forced 2 more on the season … Helped lead his team to a 10-2 record in 2004 and a final No. 3 ranking in the NJCAA national polls … Even dabbled a bit at wide receiver, catching 3 passes for 62 yards, including one that went 46 yards for a TD … Returned 2 kickoffs for an average of 31.0 yards … Redshirted as a true freshman at Coffeyville, giving him 3 years of eligibility at Mizzou … Junior College Coach – Jeff Leiker.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

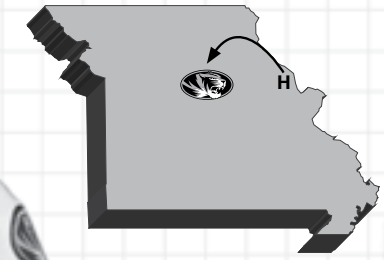
Was regarded by many analysts to be the top high school prospect in the state of Missouri in 2003 … Was a 1st-Team all-state defensive back for Eureka High School, who also throughout his career earned all-conference and all-metro honors at wide receiver, running back and all-purpose back … Had 1,153 yards rushing and more than 400 yards receiving as a senior … Was limited to 24 tackles as a senior, as opposing offenses rarely came his way … Showed his explosiveness in the 4A championship game when he scored on a 59-yard run on the first play from scrimmage to put Eureka up 7-0 over Kearney, before Kearney rallied for a 36-22 win … Junior season saw him rush for 960 yards and get over 200 yards receiving … Played on Eureka teams that went 25-3 from 2000-02 … Team won district titles in 2000 and 2002, conference championships in 2001 and 2002, and went 12-2 and was a Show-Me Bowl runner-up in 2002 … High school coach – Farrell Shelton.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Cletus Terrell … Chose MU over Kansas State, Iowa, Michigan State, Wisconsin and Illinois, among others … Lists drawing as a primary hobby… Academic interest lies in business.

TERRELL CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			
	G-GS	**Solo-Asst.**	**Total**	**INT**	**PBU**
2005	12-0	5-8	13	2-6	3
Totals	**12-0**	**5-8**	**13**	**2-6**	**3**



#54

Chris Tipton

Offensive Lineman
6-4 • 300 • Jr.-Sq.
Bowling Green, MO (Bowling Green HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Walk-on Missouri native who enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at center.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see game action, but continued his valuable contributions to the scout team.

>> 2004 SEASON

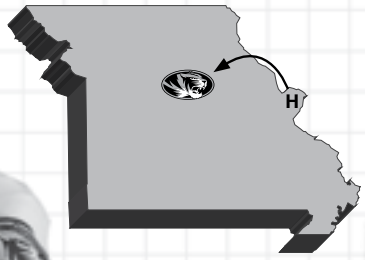
Joined the team as a walk-on and contributed to the scout team efforts throughout the year.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a letterman in 2003 for coach Scott Mullins … Served as the team's captain during his senior year, and he racked up 43 tackles and 3 ½ QB sacks that season.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Kelly Tipton, who works with the Missouri State Highway Patrol … Has a desire to study in the MU School of Business, with an interest toward management.



#72

Phinney Troy

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 290 • So.-Sq.
St. Louis, MO (University HS)

• 2005 Total Person Program Academic Excellence Award

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Offensive line prospect with excellent athleticism and size who hopes to factor into the mix at right tackle ... Enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at that position.

>> 2005 SEASON

Saw action in 1 game on the season, seeing the field in a reserve role in the season opener against Arkansas State at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City … Hardworker in the classroom who was awarded with the Total Person Program's Academic Excellence 2005 Award.

>> 2004 SEASON

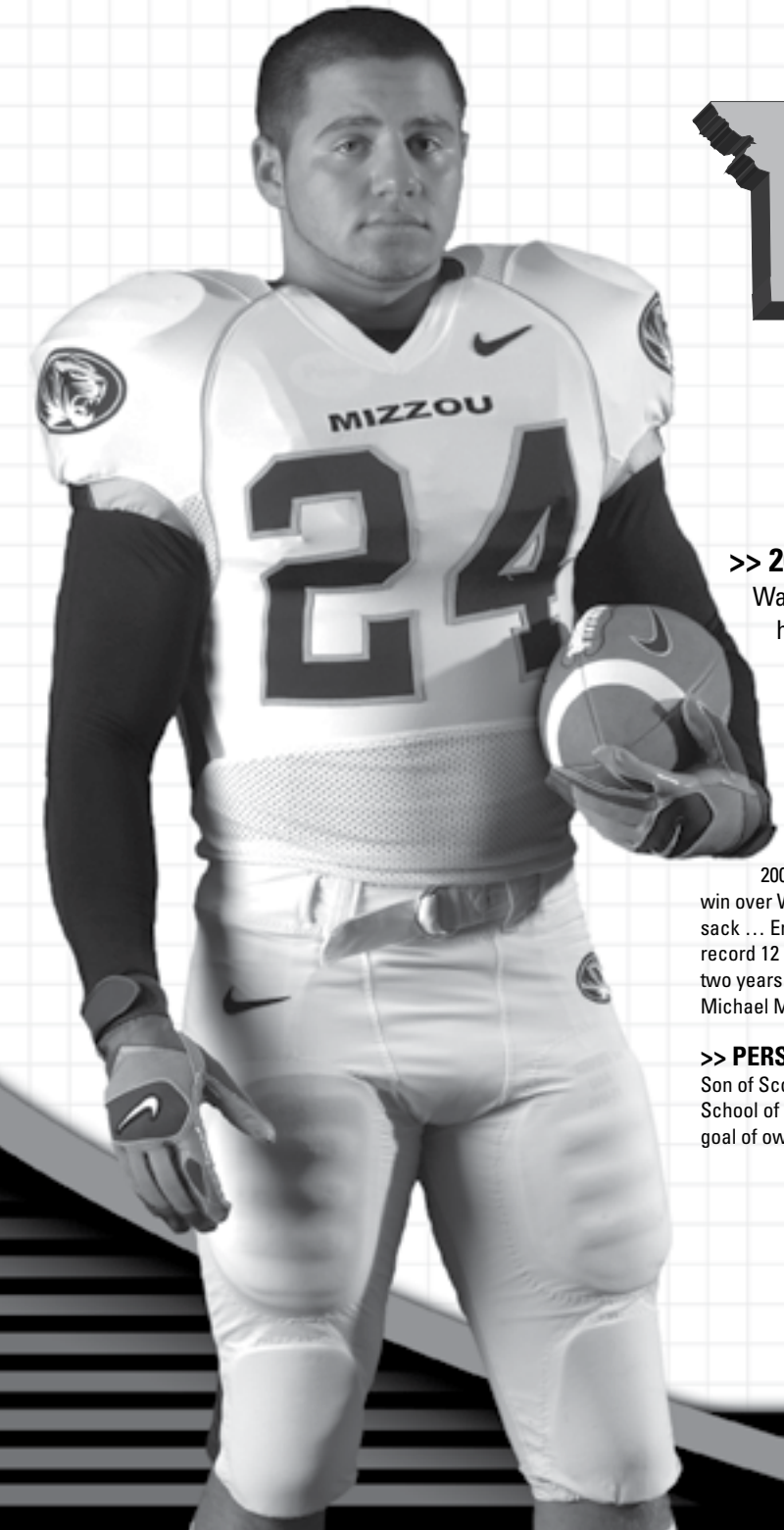
Redshirt season … Defensive line prospect who was a part of the 2003 recruiting class ... Delayed his entry into school until January, and practiced with the team during the spring as a freshman.

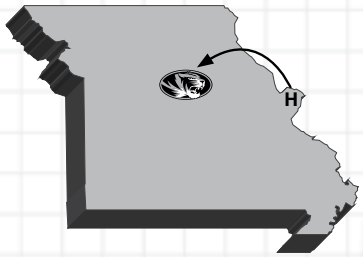
>> HIGH SCHOOL

A 1st-team all-state pick as a defensive lineman (writers) and tight end (coaches) … Was also a 2nd-team all-metro defensive lineman as a senior … Recorded 75 tackles and 3 sacks on defense, and caught 34 passes for 418 yards and 1 TD from the tight end position … Also added 3 fumble recoveries and one interception on defense … Had 60 tackles and 10 sacks as a junior in 2001 … Was also a standout in basketball, as he was one of the state's top rebounders … High school coach – Gary Kornfeld.

>> PERSONAL

Son of John Troy & Sally Miller … A member of National Honor Society who also served on his school's student council … A two-time all-conference academic honoree who is majoring in finance and banking at MU … Chose Mizzou over Illinois, Akron and Rice, among others.





#24

Jeffrey Waldman

Tailback
5-11 • 205 • RS-Fr.
St. Louis, MO (Clayton HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

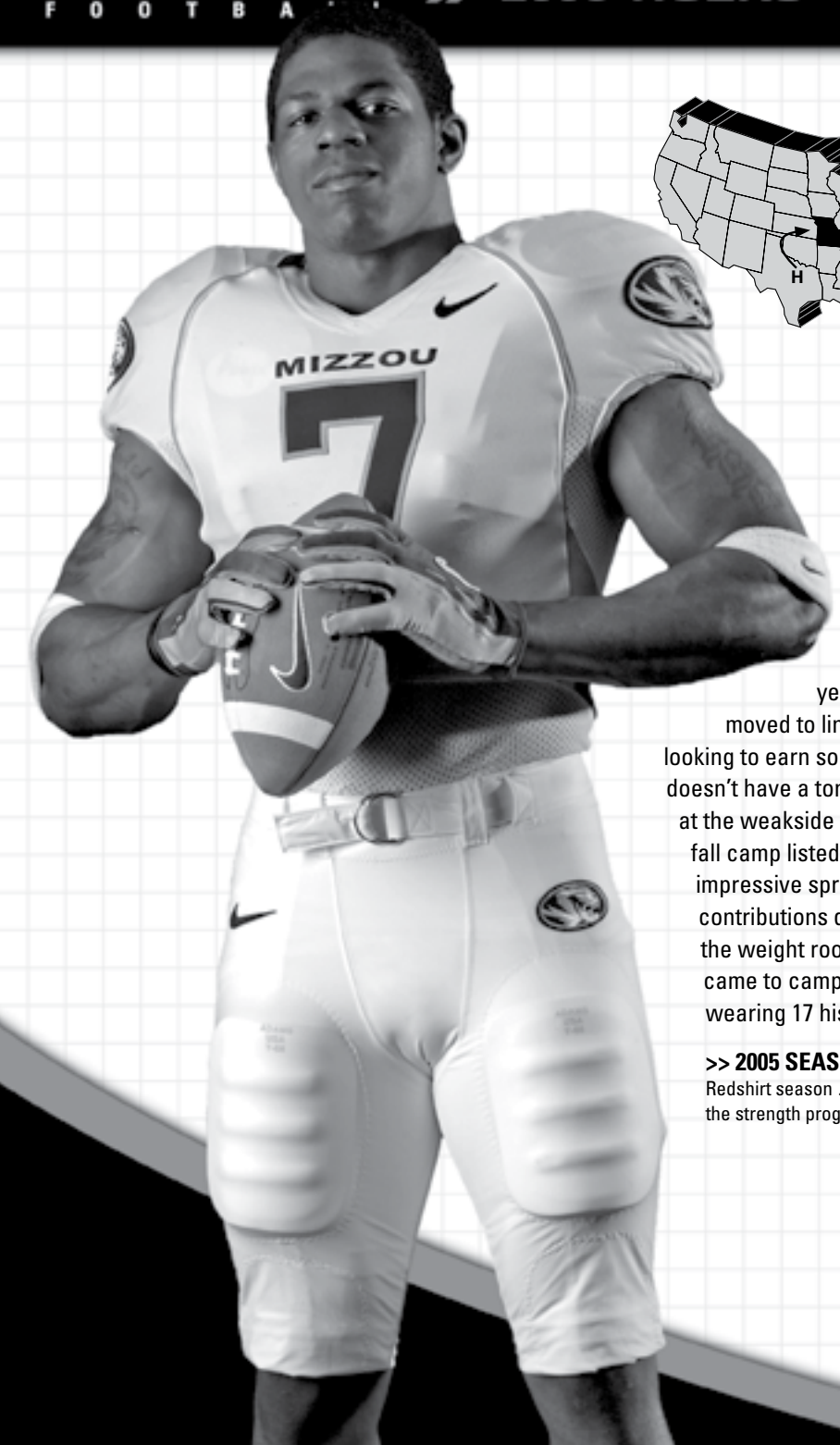
Walk-on Missouri native who will look to establish himself at the tailback position during the season … Enters fall camp listed on the depth chart at that spot.

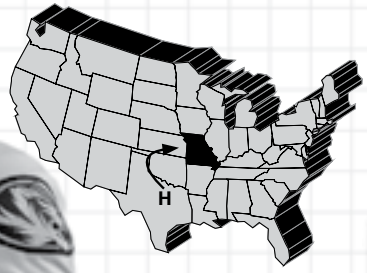
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Two-sport athlete at Clayton High School, earning letters in both football and track and field … Was a 3rd-Team all-state defensive end as a senior during the 2004 season, and also earned 1st-Team all suburb at both defensive end as well as offensive line … Played on the Clayton team which won the 2004 Missouri Class 4 state championship with a 27-26 overtime win over Webb City … Had 10 tackles in the title game, including 1 QB sack … Ended his senior year with 80 tackles on defense, and a school-record 12 QB sacks … Was a team captain in both sports, including two years in track, and one year in football … High school coach – Michael Musick.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Scott & Rita Waldman … Intends to matriculate through MU's School of Business, with an emphasis in marketing … Lists his career goal of owning his own business someday.





#7

Chad Washington

Linebacker
6-0 • 215 • RS-Fr.
Lancaster, TX (Lancaster HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

An excellent athlete and physical specimen out of the state of Texas who is the younger brother of former Tiger DB Calvin Washington … Spent his first year in the program at defensive back, but moved to linebacker for the spring practice period, looking to earn some playing time at a position group that doesn't have a ton of depth overall … Is going to line up at the weakside linebacker position, where he enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart … Had a very impressive spring camp and appeared capable of making contributions during the season … Has worked hard in the weight room to add 20 pounds to his frame since he came to campus … Changed his number to 7 after wearing 17 his first year in the program.

>> 2005 SEASON

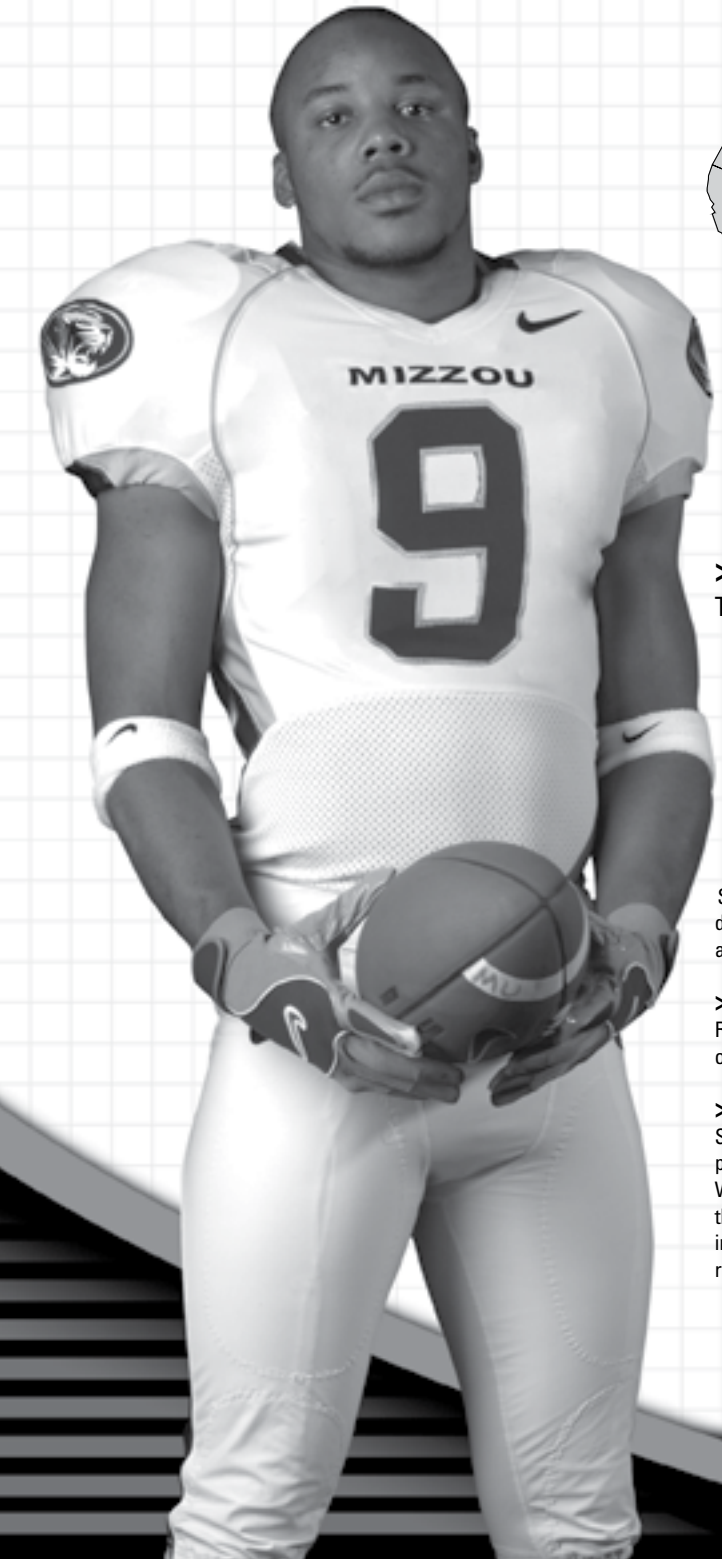
Redshirt season … Spent his initial season in the program working in the strength program and as part of the defensive scout team.

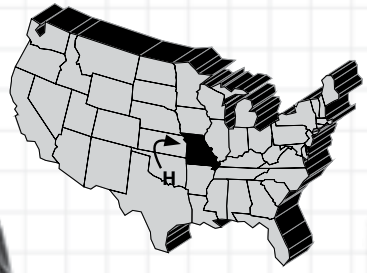
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a two-time all-district selection … Ranked as the No. 55 cornerback prospect in the nation, according to Rivals.com, and the same outlet ranks him among the top 100 players in the state of Texas … Has great speed, strength and size and could play a number of different positions should he wind up in the Tiger secondary … Played linebacker, defensive back and some running back for Lancaster High School … Returned an interception 90 yards for a TD as a senior in 2004 … Also played baseball and ran track for Lancaster … High school coach – Andrew Jackson.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Calvin Sr. & Sheila Washington … Older brother, Calvin, is a former four-year DB on the Tiger squad … Chose MU over Colorado, Texas A&M, Washington State, Kansas and TCU, among others … Lists hobbies as music, working out and shopping.





#9

Trenile Washington

Defensive Back
5-11 • 185 • So.-Sq.
Marietta, OK (Marietta HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Talented prospect who looks to contribute at cornerback as a sophomore after seeing limited action a year ago … With the Tigers losing three four-year players at cornerback due to graduation, he has a great opportunity to earn extended playing time in 2006 … Begins fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at one cornerback position … Changed his jersey number back to 9 after donning 13 last season.

>> 2005 SEASON

Saw action in reserve mode in each of MU's first 2 games of the year, but did not play after that … Changed his jersey number to 13 during the spring after wearing 9 the previous year.

>> 2004 SEASON

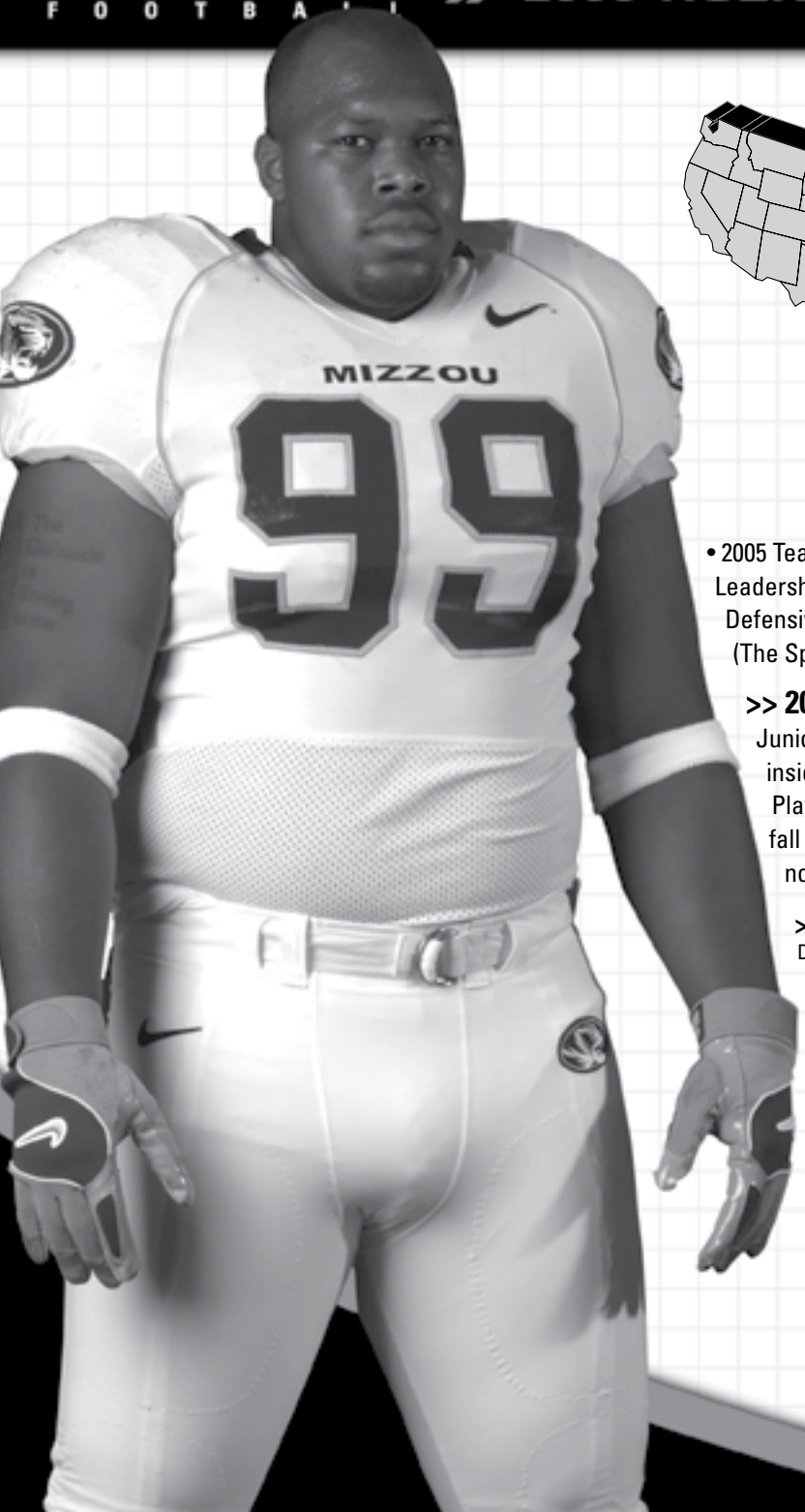
Redshirt season … Had a hand injury that kept him out of contact for most of the season as he rehabbed.

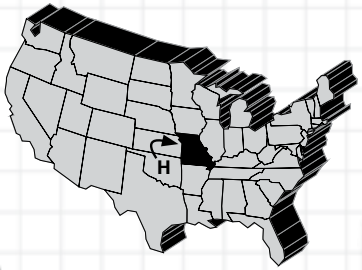
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Speedy three-sport standout who was an accomplished wide receiver playing for Marietta High School in his hometown of Marietta, Okla. … Was not listed originally on MU's 2004 class, as he was a late addition to the Tiger signing class who came aboard after the Feb. 4th national letter of intent signing day … Was a triple threat on the gridiron, as he starred as a receiver, defensive back and kick returner … Named all-state at receiver as a senior, after catching 43 passes for 972 yards and 11 TDs in 2003, in addition to racking up 876 yards rushing and 8 TDs … Also ran back three kicks for scores on the season (2 punt returns and 1 kickoff return) … Was the 2nd-leading receiver as a junior in the state of Oklahoma, with 1,417 yards receiving on 83 catches … Scored 14 total TDs as a junior (7 receiving, 5 punt returns, 2 kickoff returns), and also excelled in the secondary, as he grabbed 7 interceptions … Was a track standout who finished as runner-up at 100 meters as a senior in the state championships, and also ran on school's 4x100-meter relay team that finished 3rd in the state in 2004 and 5th in 2003 … Was also an accomplished basketball player who was an all-conference selection … High school coach – Glennie Ring.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Ima Jean Franklin … Has seven siblings, including four brothers and three sisters … Nicknamed "Choo-Choo" by his mother because of his furious gum-chewing as a child … Chose Mizzou over Tulsa and New Mexico, among others … Intends to major in physical therapy at MU, possibly to get into sports medicine.





#99

Lorenzo Williams

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 290 • Jr.-2L
Midwest City, OK (Midwest City HS)

• 2005 Team Rigman Outstanding Underclassman Leadership Award • Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman • 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Junior defensive tackle who looks to become a force inside as he becomes more comfortable in his role … Played inside last year for the 1st time ever … Enters fall camp listed at No. 1 on the depth chart at the nose tackle position.

>> 2005 SEASON

Defensive tackle who had a big year at a crucial time, as he moved inside … Started all 12 games at one tackle spot … Ranked 2nd on the team in forced fumbles (3), recovered fumbles (2) and QB hurries (6) … Also was a special teams standout … An outstanding leader who was awarded with the team's Rigman Outstanding Underclassman Leadership Award at the team banquet.

>> 2004 SEASON

Made nice contributions as a redshirt freshman defensive end on a defensive line that was a strong point of MU's much-improved defense … Was named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 by The Sporting News.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors for his work in practice leading up to Mizzou's game against Texas A&M.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

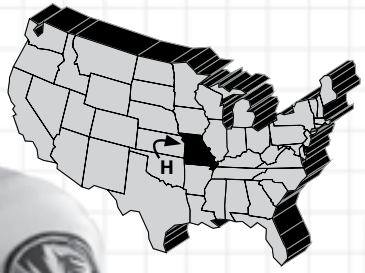
Ranked as the No. 25 overall prospect in the Midland region by SuperPrep Magazine, and rated as the nation's No. 27 linebacker by the same publication … Rivals.com had him ranked as the No. 9 prospect in Oklahoma … Named to the Oklahoma Blue Chip team and all-state team as a senior for his efforts … Was an honorable mention all-state pick as a junior … High school coach – Ricky Oliver.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Lorenzo Williams and LaRhonda & Steve Alexander … A member of National Honor Society who was pursued by several Ivy League schools for his academic abilities … Is interested in studying medicine while at MU.

WILLIAMS CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Fumbles			Kicks
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	Fcd.-Rec.	QBH	PBU	Blocked
2004	11-0	15-6	21	3-6	1-3	0-0	2	0	0
2005	12-12	19-16	35	9.5-53	5.5-33	3-2	6	1	2
Totals	**23-12**	**34-22**	**56**	**12.5-59**	**6.5-36**	**3-2**	**8**	**1**	**2**



#68

Dain Wise

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 290 • RS-Fr.
Midwest City, OK (Carl Albert HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Highly-regarded offensive line prospect who will get his first chance to contribute after taking a redshirt season in 2005 … Was impressive enough as a true freshman that he made the two-deep at right guard for most of the 2005 season, but coaches were able to preserve a redshirt after all … Looks to challenge for significant playing time this season, and he enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at right guard.

>> 2004 SEASON

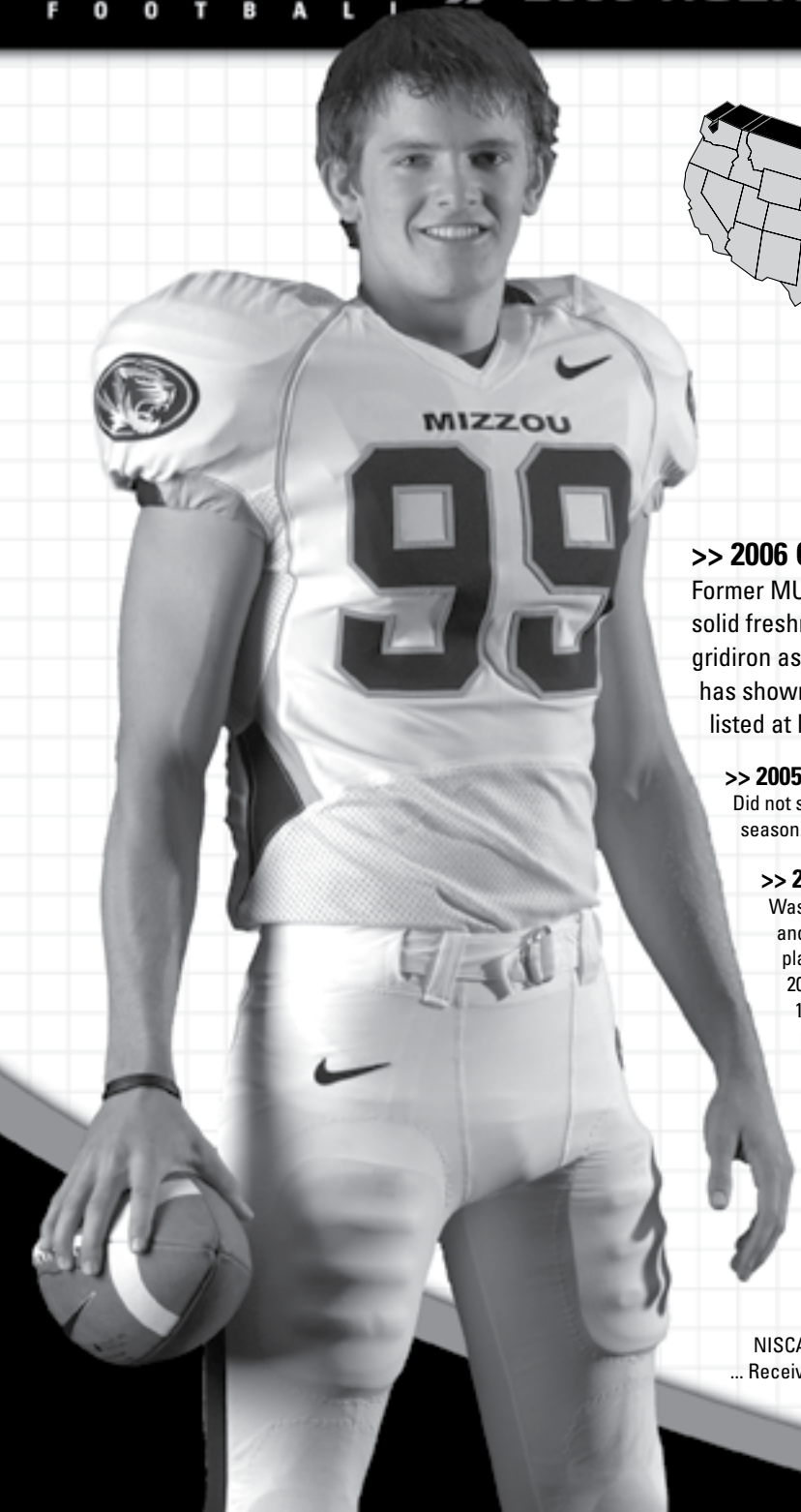
Redshirt season … Was a valuable member of the offensive scout team in his first year in the Tiger program.

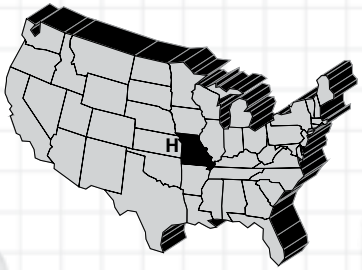
>> HIGH SCHOOL

One of the top prospects out of the Sooner state who was a first-team all-stater for Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Okla. … An outstanding student-athlete who was named the Oklahoma Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the Daily Oklahoman in the spring of 2005 … Known as a tough, hard-nosed player with a great work ethic and coachable nature … Team captain who was noted by his coach for his leadership on and off the field … Rated as the No. 31 offensive guard in the nation by Rivals.com and the No. 6 overall prospect out of the state of Oklahoma … Helped lead his team to an Oklahoma Class 5A state championship in 2004, and his team was ranked No. 1 for most of the season … Registered 34 ½ pancake blocks as a senior … An excellent all-around athlete who took 5th place in the state track championships in the discus as a junior, with a best toss of 147 ½ feet … High school coach – Gary Rose.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Craig & Patty Wise … Father is a teacher who taught current Tiger senior offensive lineman Tony Palmer in his high school English class one year … Chose MU over Oklahoma State, New Mexico, Iowa State, TCU, SMU, Kansas, Air Force, Harvard and Tulsa, among others … Lists hobbies as fishing and video games.





#99

Jeff Wolfert

Placekicker
6-2 • 190 • So.-Sq.
Overland Park, KS (Blue Valley West HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Former MU men's diver who switched to football after a solid freshman season, and will follow his dreams on the gridiron as a placekicker … Is a former soccer player who has shown a strong leg during practices … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at placekicker.

>> 2005 SEASON

Did not see action after joining the team as a walk-on prior to the season.

>> 2004 SEASON

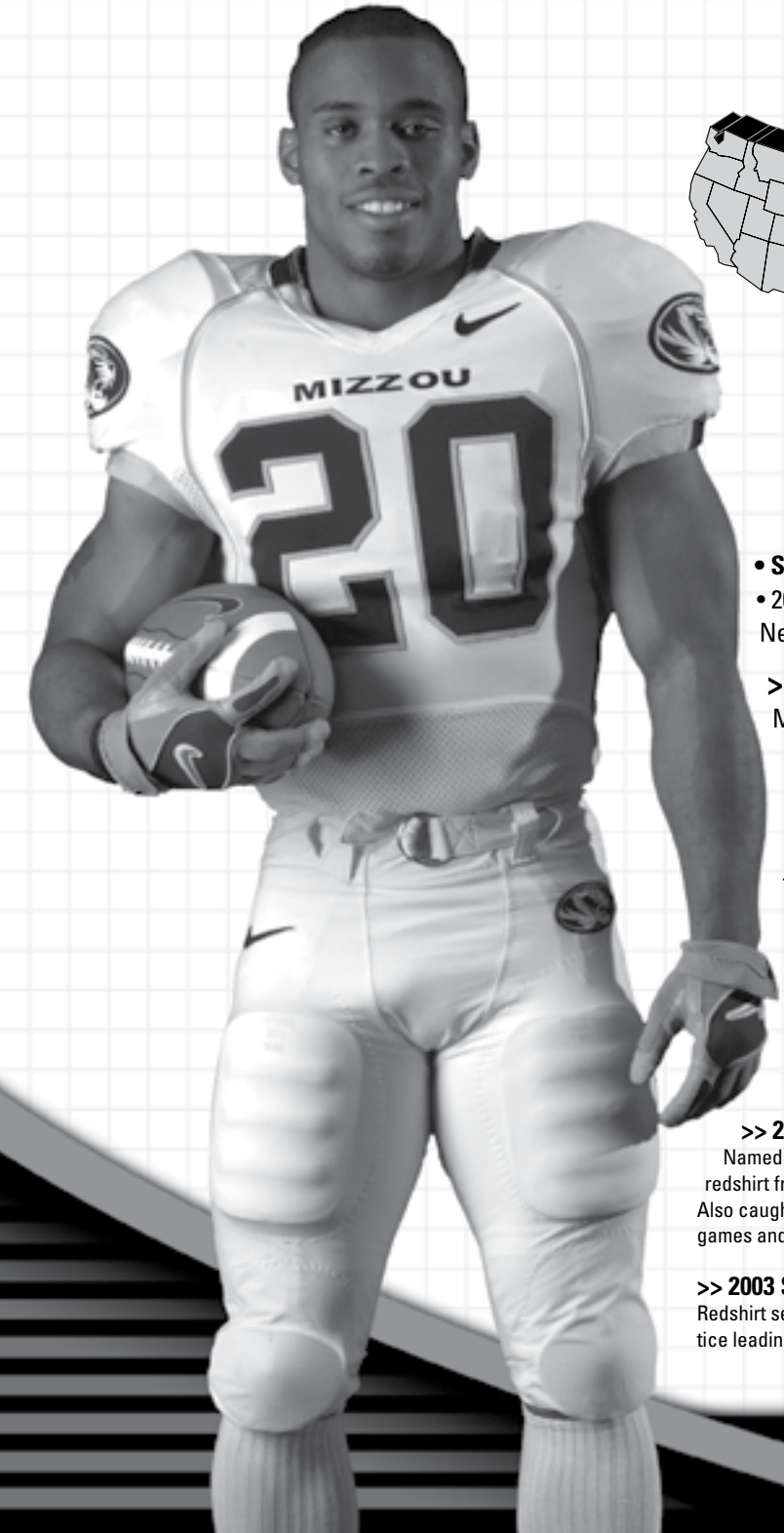
Was a standout freshman diver on the Mizzou men's swimming and diving team … Produced a top-five performance on the platform and top-10 finishes on the 1 and 3-meter boards at the 2005 NCAA Zone Diving Championships ... Finished fourth in the 1-meter board, fifth on the 3-meter board and sixth on the platform at the Big 12 Championships ... Won the 1-meter competition against SIU ... Took home the win on the 3-meter board while also placing second on the 1-meter board against Missouri State ... Runner-up in the 1-meter field versus Drury ... Set a personal best on the 3-meter board (6 dives) in the triangular with Penn State and Iowa.

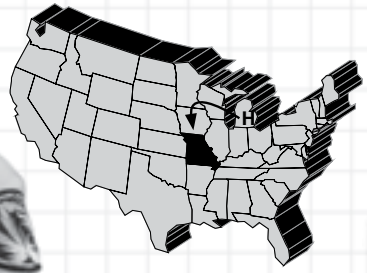
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Blue Valley West High School, where he was a standout prep diver ... Placed second in 2002, and third in 2003 and 2004 at the Kansas State Diving Finals ... Named the Eastern Kansas League Champion in 2001 ... Two-time NISCA All-American ... Placed 23rd at the Junior Nationals Finals ... Received the `01-02 Scholar Athlete of the Year award ... Honor Roll member ... `02, `03, and `04 All-Metro, All-City and All-State selection ... Was also a two-year letterman in soccer, and a member of the football team … Played football for coach Scott Wright as a senior, but broke his hip after just one game, and was out the rest of the season.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Hank & Susie Wolfert … Is majoring in plant science at Mizzou … Is a self-proclaimed adrenaline junkie who has jumped off the 75-foot high Hurricane Deck Bridge at the Lake of the Ozarks.





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Marcus Woods

Tailback
5-8 • 195 • Jr.-2L
Farmington Hills, MI (Harrison HS)

- **Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Offensive Back**
- 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Mizzou's most proven and experienced tailback … Had a very impressive-looking spring camp, and he won the team's most improved offensive back award for his efforts … Is listed as a co-No. 1 on the depth chart, along with fellow junior Tony Temple … Needs just 137 yards to reach 1,000 for his Tiger career.

>> 2005 SEASON

Had an up-and-down season that featured wonderfully productive moments, but that was hampered toward the end by various injuries … Despite the nagging health issues, was MU's 3rd-leading rusher, with 435 yards on 93 carries (4.7 ypc).

>> 2004 SEASON

Named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 by The Sporting News after a redshirt freshman season that saw him rush for 428 yards and 2 TDs … Also caught 8 passes out of the backfield for 60 yards … Played in all 11 games and started three times, against Texas, Nebraska and Kansas State.

>> 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Was twice named scout team MVP for his work in practice leading up to games against Middle Tennessee State and Texas A&M.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Rivals.com rated him as the No. 8 all-purpose back in the nation, and as the No. 10 prospect in the state of Michigan (all positions) … Rated as the Midland region's No. 50 overall prospect by SuperPrep Magazine … Named to virtually every all-state, all-metro and all-county team … Left as Harrison High School's all-time career leader in rushing (4,803 yards) and scoring (90 TDs for 540 points) … High school coach – John Herrington.

>> PERSONAL

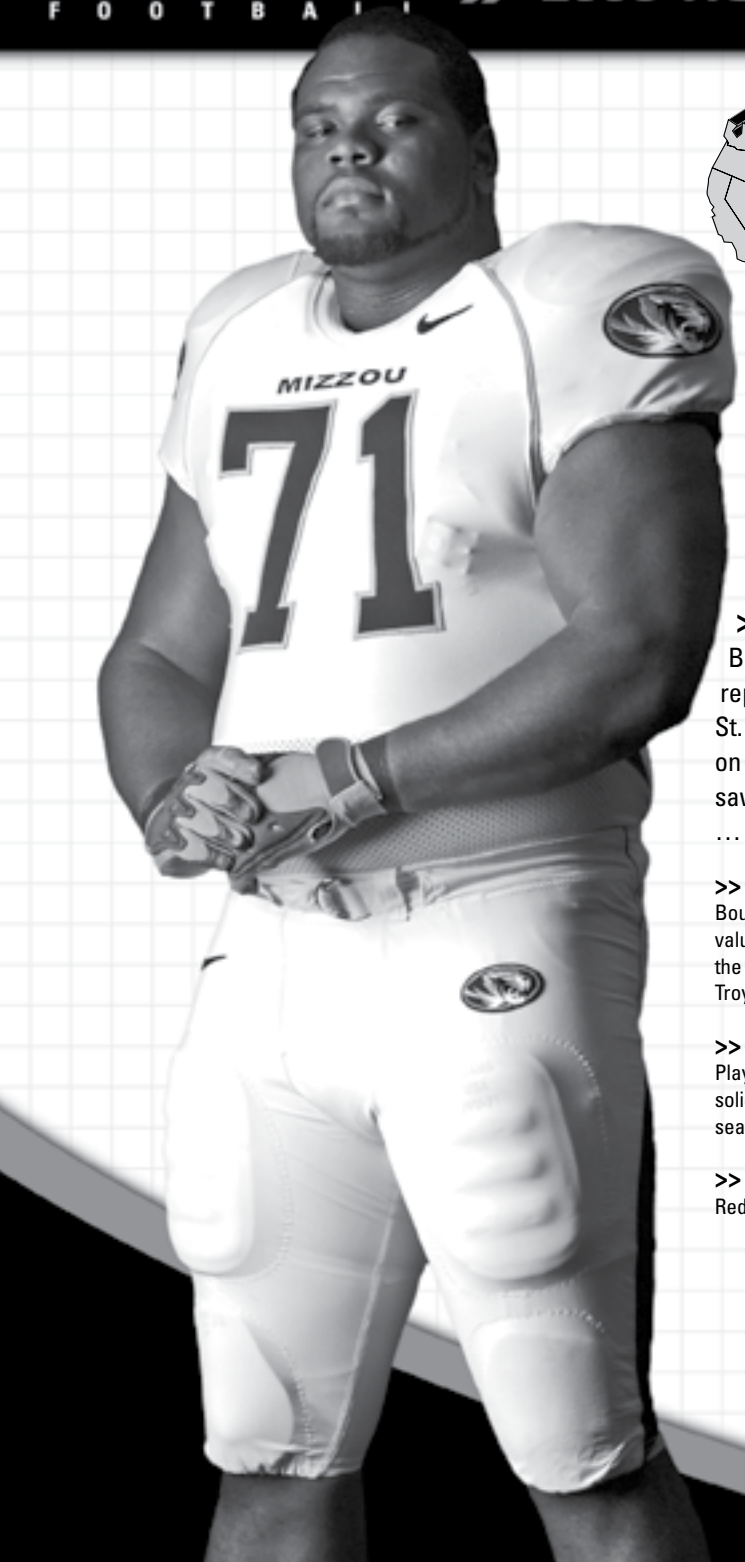
Son of Kevin & Anita Woods … Older brother Kevin was a wide receiver on the Northern Illinois football team … Is majoring in hotel and restaurant management.

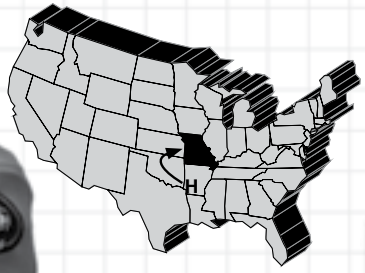
WOODS CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.-Yds	TDs	Long
2004	11-3	101-428	4.2	2	30	8-60	0	48
2005	10-10	93-435	4.7	3	32	18-92	1	18
Totals	**21-13**	**194-863**	**4.4**	**5**	**32**	**26-152**	**1**	**48**

Punt Returns

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	7	188	26.9	1	76
Totals	**7**	**188**	**26.9**	**1**	**76**





#71

Monte Wyrick

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 320 • Jr.-1L
Texarkana, AR (Arkansas HS)

• Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Big, strong lineman who looks to be the prime contender to replace standout Tony Palmer (a 2006 NFL Draft pick of the St. Louis Rams) at left guard … Enters fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart at that position after a strong spring that saw him named the team's most improved offensive lineman … First name is pronounced mon-TAY.

>> 2005 SEASON

Bounced back nicely from a season-ending knee injury a year ago to be a valuable 2nd-string guard … Saw action in 11 games on the year, including the first start of his career, when he earned the honor for game #3 against Troy.

>> 2004 SEASON

Played in the first 4 games of the season, and was on his way to being a solid contributor on the line, before having his season cut short due to a season-ending knee injury in practice.

>> 2003 SEASON

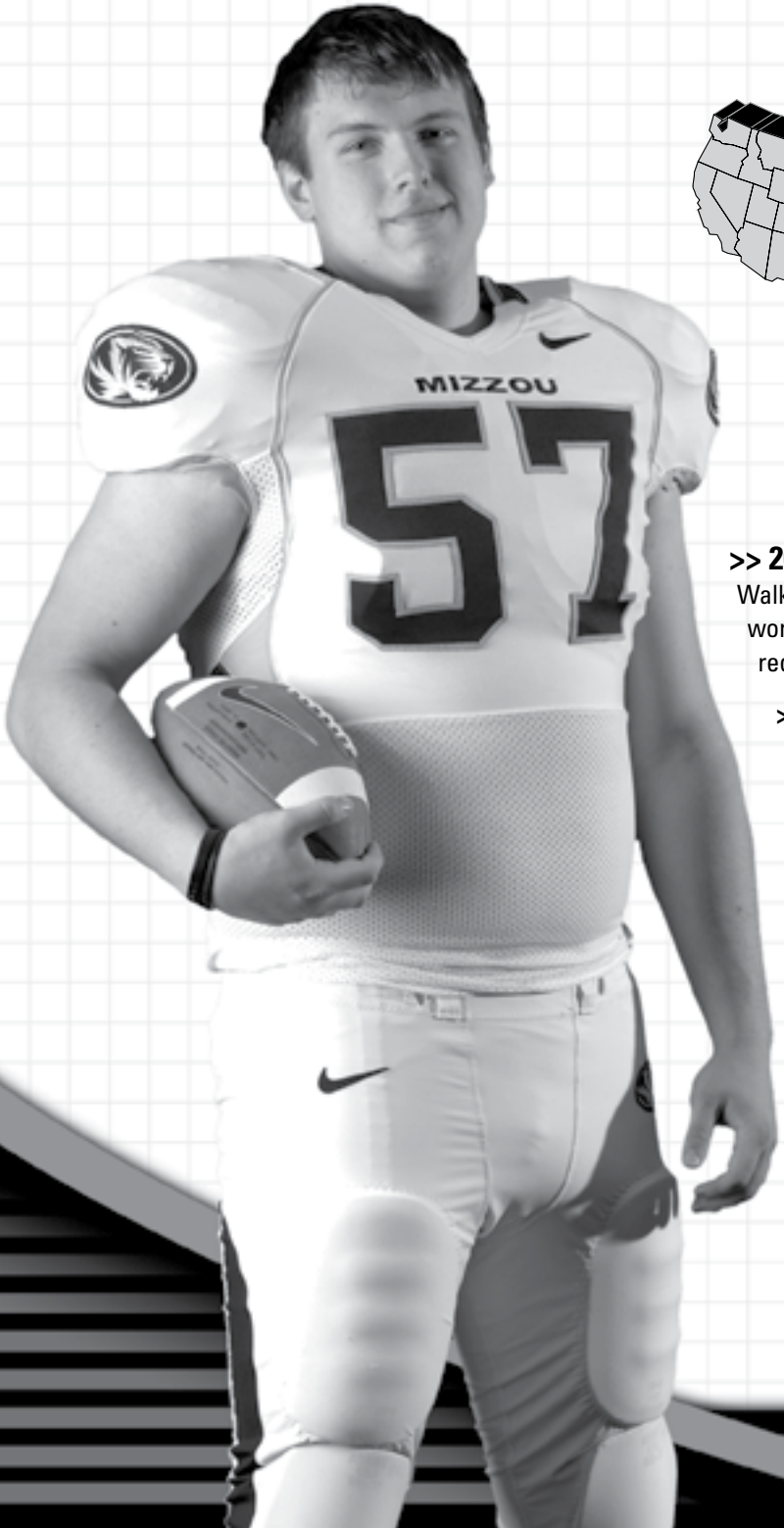
Redshirt season.

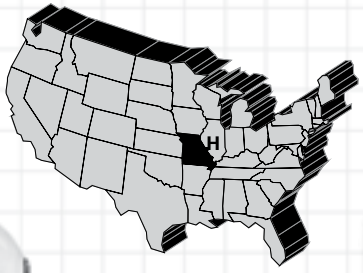
>> HIGH SCHOOL

First-team all-state pick who was voted as the state's best class 5A lineman … Rated by SuperPrep Magazine as the top offensive line prospect in Arkansas, and the No. 4 overall prospect out of the state (any position) … High school coach – Denny Burdine.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Lenzy Wyrick & Myrdis Woodberry … Has an interest in physical therapy … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Arkansas, Baylor, Arkansas State and New Mexico State, among others.





#57

Zachary Zellmer

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 275 • RS-Fr.
Belleville, IL (East HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Walk-on offensive lineman with good size and a great work ethic who hopes to contribute to the squad in his redshirt freshman season.

>> 2005 SEASON

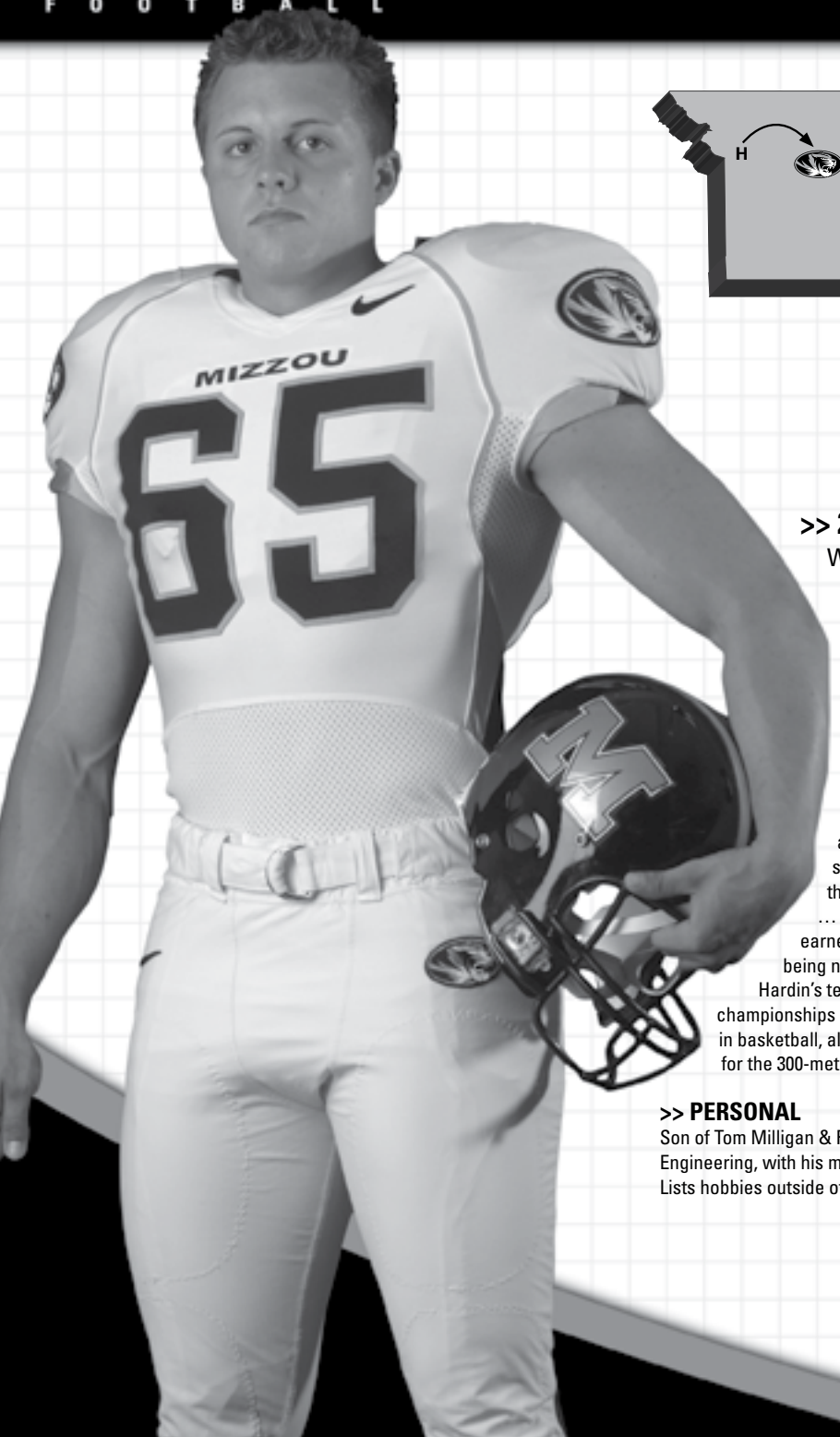
Walked on to squad and spent time assisting the scout team in practice throughout the season.

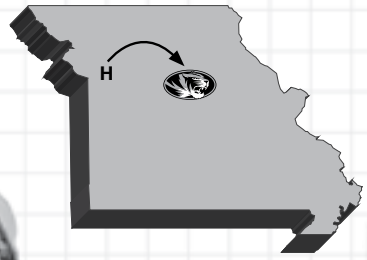
>> HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in both football and track as a junior and senior at Belleville East High School … Was a 1st-Team all-conference and all-area and honorable mention all-state performer at Belleville East … Served as a team captain as a senior for the 2004 season, and he also earned all-state academic mention for his work in the classroom … High school coach – Tim Funk.

>> PERSONAL

Son of Jeff & Robyn Zellmer … Plans to pursue degree in history at Mizzou … Lists golf as a hobby outside of football, and he enjoys spending time back home working with grade school children at St. Teresa's School.





#65

Zach Milligan

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 215 • Fr.
Hardin, MO (Hardin-Central HS)

>> 2006 OUTLOOK

Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth along the defensive line for the Tiger defense … Is a sergeant in the United States Army Reserves, and recently finished serving a term in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

>> HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-sport standout in football, basketball and track and field for Hardin-Central … Won all-state, all-conference and all-district honors as a senior team captain offensive lineman … Also won the team's offensive MVP honors that year, as well … Led his team in tackles on defense as a junior, and earned all-conference honors that year, in addition to being named the team's defensive MVP … Played on Hardin's team that reached the semifinals of the 1A state championships in 2000 … Was a two-time all-conference selection in basketball, also finished 7th in the Class 1A state championships for the 300-meter hurdles … High school coach – Gary O'Neil.

>> PERSONAL

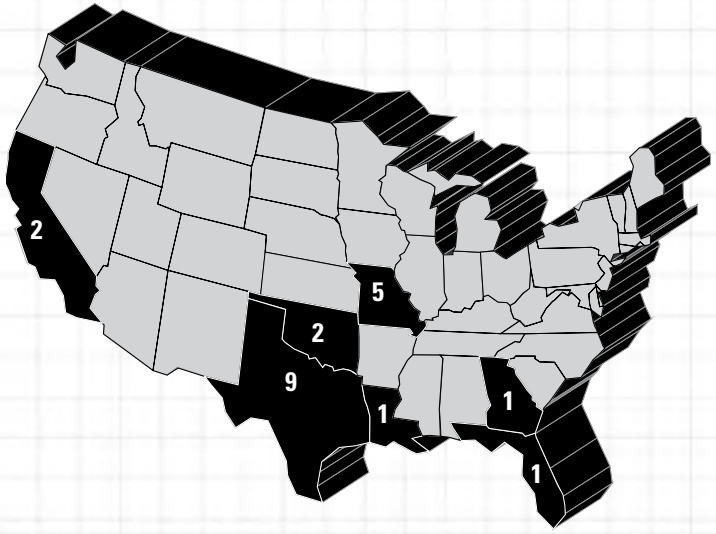
Son of Tom Milligan & Robin Littrell … Is studying in MU's School of Engineering, with his major concentrated on mechanical engineering … Lists hobbies outside of football as outdoor and wildlife sports and movies.

>> 2006 MIZZOU FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School/Jr. College)
Danario Alexander	WR/DB	6-3	190	Marlin, TX (Marlin HS)
Tim Barnes	OL/DL	6-4	310	Marshall, MO (Pettis County Northwest HS)
Marquis Booker	TB/LB	6-1	235	Ardmore, OK (Ardmore HS)
Castine Bridges	WR/DB	6-2	195	Richmond, CA (Pinole Valley HS/Diablo Valley College)
Cornelius Brown	WR/DB	6-0	200	Adel, GA (Cook HS/Reedley [Calif.] CC)
Justin Brown	WR/DB	6-2	200	Blue Springs, MO (Blue Springs HS/North Dakota State Col. of Science)
Bart Coslet	TE/DE	6-6	245	St. Peters, MO (Francis Howell Central HS)
Dominic Grooms	QB/DB	6-2	180	Tampa, FL (Middleton HS)
Jesse Hernandez	OL/DL	6-3	295	Ardmore, OK (Ardmore HS)
Del Howard	WR/DB	5-11	180	Dallas, TX (South Garland HS)
Jeremy Maclin	WR/DB	6-1	185	Kirkwood, MO (Kirkwood HS)
Jared Perry	WR/DB	6-0	170	La Marque, TX (La Marque HS)
Mike Prince	OL/DL	6-4	295	Southlake, TX (Carroll HS)
Kevin Rutland	QB/DB	6-1	185	Houston, TX (North Shore HS)
Brant Scott	OL/DL	6-2	270	College Station, TX (A&M Consolidated HS)
Paul Simpson	WR/DB	6-2	185	Oakland, CA (San Leandro HS/Chabot CC)
John Stull	TE/DL	6-4	250	Columbia, MO (Rock Bridge HS)
La'Roderick Thomas	QB/DB	6-2	190	Dallas, TX (South Oak Cliff HS)
J.P. Tillman	QB/DB	6-2	230	Houston, TX (Cy Falls HS)
Tremane Vaughns	WR/DB	5-9	180	Patterson, LA. (Patterson HS/Pasadena City [Calif.] CC)
Sean Weatherspoon	WR/LB	6-2	210	Jasper, TX (Jasper HS)

>> BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Texas (9) – Alexander (Marlin), Howard (Dallas), Perry (La Marque), Prince (Southlake), Rutland (Houston), Scott (College Station), Thomas (Dallas), Tillman (Houston), Weatherspoon (Jasper).
Missouri (5) – Barnes (Marshall), Brown (Blue Springs), Coslet (St. Peters), Maclin (Kirkwood), Stull (Columbia)
California (2) – Bridges (Richmond), Simpson (Oakland)
Oklahoma (2) – Booker (Ardmore), Hernandez (Ardmore)
Florida (1) – Grooms (Tampa)
Georgia (1) – Brown (Adel)
Louisiana (1) – Vaughns (Patterson)



>> DANARIO ALEXANDER

Fr., WR/DB, 6-3, 190, Marlin, TX (Marlin High School)
Skilled all-around athlete who could play on either side of the ball at Mizzou … Earned honorable mention All-State and 1st-Team All-District honors as a senior wide receiver for Marlin High School in 2005 after catching 49 passes for 850 yards and 9 TDs … Named 2nd-Team Super Cen-Tex in 2005, as well … Was an honorable mention All-District pick as a junior in 2004 … An excellent all-around athlete who was a 1st-Team All-District performer in baseball … Was also the district champion in the long jump (best of 23'10") and triple jump (best of 45'10") in 2005, and hopes to challenge for a state title in 2006 in both events … High school coach – Jerry Malone … Parents – Larry Alexander & Helen Woodson … Chose Mizzou over Texas Tech, Baylor, Houston and SMU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Steckel.

>> TIM BARNES

Fr., OL/DL, 6-4, 310, Marshall, MO (Pettis County Northwest High School)
One of the most highly-coveted prospects in the state of Missouri who was an early commitment to Mizzou, the summer prior to his junior season … Is ranked as the No. 4 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals, and as the No. 23 offensive guard prospect in the nation, as well … Earned numerous All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors during his career at Pettis County Northwest High School in Hughesville, Mo. … Excellent all-around athlete who was a four-year letterwinner in basketball and a two-year letterman in baseball, in addition to his exploits on the gridiron … Has also earned 1st-Team All-Conference and All-District honors in basketball, as well … A solid student who is a member of the National Honor Society, and also served on his school's student council … High school coach – Caleb Crooker … Parents – Jeff & Becky Barnes … Chose Mizzou over Miami, Fla., Michigan and Iowa, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

>> MARQUIS BOOKER

Fr., TB/LB, 6-1, 235, Ardmore, OK (Ardmore High School)
Linebacker prospect who was a 1st-Team All-State and 1st-Team Super State standout at the position at Ardmore, Okla. High School … Averaged more than 100 tackles over the last 2 seasons while helping his team to two state semifinal appearances in three seasons on the varsity … Amassed 156 tackles as a senior, and added 6 QB sacks and grabbed 4 interceptions, as well … Was also named the District Five linebacker of the year as a senior, as his team won a district championship … Converted to linebacker from running back as a sophomore … Will join Ardmore teammate Jesse Hernandez as part of Mizzou's 2006 signing class … High school coach – Mike Loyd … Father – Randy Booker … Chose Mizzou over TCU, Oklahoma State, Colorado State, Tulsa, Iowa State and Baylor, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

>> CASTINE BRIDGES

Jr., WR/DB, 6-2, 195, Richmond, CA (Pinole Valley HS/Diablo Valley College)
High-level junior college cornerback who looks to make immediate contributions at Mizzou … Was a big-play performer at Diablo Valley College, where he was named a 2nd-Team JUCO All-American by J.C. Gridwire after he intercepted 8 passes in 2005 (he also had 2 more TDs called back due to defensive penalties – including 1 by his brother, Namon West) … Also returned 1 interception for a TD and recovered 2 fumbles … Ranked as the No. 89 overall junior college prospect at any position, according to Rivals, and as the No. 12 defensive back by the same outlet … Named the Golden Gate Conference defensive MVP in 2005, and was a 1st-Team All-Conference performer … Was named to the California Community College Football Coaches' Association All-State team both years at Diablo Valley … Grabbed 8 interceptions as a freshman in 2004, to tie for the state lead in that category … Will have three years to play two at Mizzou … Lettered in football for 2 years at Pinole Valley High School, where he had 5 career interceptions, and was an All-Conference performer as a senior … Also played basketball and competed in track as a prep athlete … Junior college coach – Ralph Depew … High school coach – Steve Alameda … Mother – Darline Sanders … Is interested in studying psychology at Mizzou, and he lists playing chess and swimming among his hobbies … Chose Mizzou over Utah, Marshall, Kansas State, New Mexico, Oregon, Oregon State and Indiana, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

>> CORNELIUS BROWN

Jr., WR/DB, 6-0, 200, Adel, GA (Cook High School/Reedley [CA] C.C.)
Highly-skilled safety who played for national power Reedley Community College … Ranked as the No. 92 junior college prospect in the country, at any position, according to Rivals … Will have 3 years to play 2 at Mizzou … Won 1st-Team All-State and All-Conference honors as a sophomore, as he helped lead his team to a conference championship in 2005 … Reedley also won the league title in his freshman year in 2004 … Reedley was ranked #1 in the nation for much of the 2005 season by JCGridiron.com, and finished the year 10-0 … Earned 2nd-Team All-Conference honors that season, and was also named his team's defensive player of the year … Also returned both kickoffs and punts … Was a two-time 1st-Team All-State selection in high school as a defensive back in Adel, Ga., at Cook High School … Also earned All-Region mention as a sophomore and junior at the wide receiver position … Lettered in football four years in high school, as well as three years in basketball … Junior college coach – Michael White … Parents – Edward & Maggie Gear … Chose Mizzou over Texas Tech, New Mexico, Boise State and Marshall, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.

>> JUSTIN BROWN

Jr., WR/DB, 6-2, 200, Blue Springs, MO (Blue Springs High School/North Dakota State College of Science)
Junior college defensive back who will return to his home state of Missouri, looking to make immediate contributions for the Tigers … Played the last 2 years at North Dakota State College of Science, located in Wahpeton, N.D. … Earned 1st-Team All-Region honors as a DB in 2005, after he had 54 tackles, 13 passes broken up, 4 interceptions and 2 caused fumbles … Also returned kickoffs and averaged 25.9 yards per return … Notched 50 tackles as a freshman in 2004, and added 11 pass break-ups and 3 interceptions, while leading the conference with a kickoff return average of 28.4 yards … Was a standout at powerhouse Blue Springs High School, where he teamed with 2005 Mizzou signees Jaron Baston and James Stigall to win the Class 6 state championship in a 13-0 season in 2003 … Caught a 62-yard TD pass in the championship game, as Blue Springs routed Hazelwood Central, 53-0, to win the title … Also had 2 tackles in the title game, and intercepted a pass that he returned 37 yards … Was a 1st-Team All-State honoree as a senior at Blue Springs in 2003, and was selected to play in the 2004 Missouri-Kansas high school all-star game … Also won 3 letters in track and 2 more in basketball at Blue Springs … Has three years to play two at Mizzou … Junior college coach – Mike Beagle … High school coach – Kelly Donahoe … Parents – Nathaniel Brown & Billie Watkins … Chose Mizzou over Iowa State and BYU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

>> BART COSLET

Fr., TE/DE, 6-6, 245, St. Peters, MO (Francis Howell Central High School)
Highly-rated defensive end prospect out of the St. Louis area that missed his senior year due to a knee injury … Despite missing the season, still ranks as the nation's No. 26 weakside defensive end prospect, and the No. 12 overall prospect in Missouri by Rivals … Was a pre-season All-American by Collegiate Sports prior to his senior season … An outstanding athlete who was also recruited by several Division I schools to play basketball … Played AAU hoops for the well-known St. Louis Eagles AAU team … Earned 1st-Team All-Conference, All-District and All-Metro honors as both a defensive end and tight end as a junior in 2004, as he had 79 tackles and 3 sacks on defense and added 15 catches for 159 yards and 2 TDs on offense … Earned 1st-Team All-Conference and All-District mention as a sophomore tight end in 2003 after grabbing 11 passes for 267 yards and 3 TDs … Also racked up 59 tackles and added 3 QB sacks as a sophomore … Played on both sides of the ball as a freshman, starting some at tight end for the 6A program … High school coach – Todd Berck, who coached current Tiger senior LB Dedrick Harrington at Mexico (Mo.) High School … Parents – Tom & Krista Coslet … Is an avid outdoor sportsman who lists hobbies as hunting, fishing, camping and floating … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Kansas State, Kansas and Illinois, among others … Primary Mizzou Recruiter – Cornell Ford.

>> DOMINIC GROOMS

Fr., QB/DB, 6-2, 180, Tampa, FL (Middleton High School)
Four-year starter at QB who is rated as the No. 24 dual-threat QB in the nation, according to Rivals … Had a very successful senior season, that saw him compile 1,600 yards and 16 TDs passing, and he added 512 yards and 8 TDs on the ground … Transferred to Middleton High School for his senior year, and he led the Tigers to a 7-4 record in 2005 and to the 4A quarterfinals … Played his first three years of ball at Tampa Bay Tech, where he exploded on the scene as a sophomore, when he threw for 1,928 yards and 18 TDs, and ran for 382 yards and 3 TDs … Missed 5 games due to a foot injury as a junior, but still amassed 1,010 yards passing and 6 TDs, and ran for 212 yards and 2 TDs … Started his first game late in the year as a freshman at Tampa Bay Tech and had 492 yards passing (3 TDs) and 120 yards rushing (1 TD) … Is also competing in track this spring at Middleton … High school coach – Harry Hubbard … Mother – Vicki Grooms … Chose Mizzou over South Florida, North Carolina State, Clemson, North Carolina, Vanderbilt and Bowling Green, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

>> JESSE HERNANDEZ

Fr., OL/DL, 6-3, 295, Ardmore, OK (Ardmore High School)

Athletic and tough-minded offensive line prospect who is ranked among the top-30 players to come out of the state of Oklahoma (No. 26 overall prospect in Oklahoma by Rivals) … Will join Ardmore teammate Marquis Booker as a member of the 2006 recruiting class at Mizzou … Transferred to Ardmore in the middle of his junior year, after starting his prep career at Lone Grove, Texas … Earned All-District honors as an offensive lineman as a senior as he registered 35 pancake blocks and graded out at 90 percent or better in each game … Also played on the defensive line and had 20 tackles, 2 QB sacks, forced 5 fumbles and recovered 4 fumbles … Played on the defensive line and as a tight end his first 3 years of prep career … As a junior in 2005, had 89 tackles, 11 QB sacks, 43 tackles for loss, and added 5 catches for 113 yards … Sophomore season saw him record 74 tackles, 14 QB sacks, 47 tackles for loss and 4 catches for 130 yards … Is an accomplished wrestler who made the Oklahoma Greco/Freestyle national team … High school coach – Mike Loyd … Mother – Teresa Hernandez … Is an avid weightlifter who took 3rd place in a state powerlifting competition as a sophomore, competing against 6 seniors … Also has won 2 "toughman" competitions … Is interested in studying communications at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Miami, Fla., Oklahoma, Tulsa and Baylor, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

>> DEL HOWARD

Fr., WR/DB, 5-11, 180, Dallas, TX (South Garland High School)

Athletic defensive back prospect who could play a number of positions for the Tigers … Amassed 143 tackles as a senior, earning 2nd-Team All-State mention, as well as 1st-Team All-District and All-Area honors … Was named the defensive MVP of his district, as he added 3 interceptions, 7 QB sacks, 8 passes broken up, and returned a fumble for a TD on the year … Helped his team reach the third round of the state playoffs in 2005 … Earned 1st-Team All-District honors as a junior in 2004 after registering 88 tackles and forcing 3 fumbles … Named team's rookie of the year as a sophomore, making 56 tackles on the year … Is also a multi-year letterwinner in track at South Garland … High school coach – Mickey Moss … Parents – Delria & Darlene Gunnells Howard … Has an interest in studying business at Mizzou's highly-regarded School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arizona State, Georgia Tech, Purdue, Illinois and Tulsa, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

>> JEREMY MACLIN

Fr., WR/DB, 6-1, 185, Kirkwood, MO (Kirkwood High School)

An outstanding two-sport athlete who is considered the top wide receiver, and one of the top overall prospects to come out of the state of Missouri in 2006 … Was a star wideout, safety and punt returner for Kirkwood … Ranks as the nation's No. 24 wide receiver prospect by Rivals, and is listed as the No. 3 overall prospect in Missouri by the same outlet … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors as a wideout in 2005, after catching 41 passes for 1,042 yards and 11 TDs, averaging an impressive 25.4 yards per catch … Also carried the ball 36 times for 293 yards and 4 TDs, and added 2 TDs throwing the ball … Proved to be a dangerous return man, as he took 11 punts back for an average of 24.6 yards per return, with 1 going for a TD … Also named All-Conference as a safety, as he notched 55 tackles, and added 4 interceptions, including 1 that he returned for a TD … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors as a junior wideout, as well, as he caught 58 passes for 1,184 yards and 18 TDS, while rushing for 2 TDs and also returning 1 kickoff for a score … Added 59 tackles and 6 interceptions on defense as a junior … Named 2nd-Team All-Conference as a sophomore wideout and return specialist – caught 33 passes for 356 yards and 4 TDs, and averaged 25 yards per punt return (1 TD) and 30 yards per kickoff return that year … Was also a standout on the hardwood, as he averaged 11 points, 4 assists and 2.5 steals per game for Kirkwood's basketball team … Was an honorable-mention All-State and 1st-Team All-Conference guard as a junior, averaging 13 points, 5 assists and 4 steals per game … High school coach – Larry Frost … Mother – Cleo Maclin … Has an interest in studying accounting or marketing at Mizzou's School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Ohio State, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas Tech, Colorado, Notre Dame, UCLA and Illinois, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

>> JARED PERRY

Fr., WR/DB, 6-0, 170, La Marque, TX (La Marque HS)

Speedy wideout who was a team captain and his team's offensive player of the year as a senior in 2005 … Caught 32 passes for 540 yards and 13 TDs as a senior, after making 51 catches for 1,000 yards and 8 TDs as a junior … Was a 1st-Team all-district performer as a junior … Played on a team that won a state championship as a sophomore … Also runs track for his school, and has been a regional qualifier for the past two years … Runs sprints and has also high jumped 6-foot-6 … Son of David & Debra Bourgeios … Chose Mizzou over Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Houston and TCU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.

>> MIKE PRINCE

Fr., OL/DL, 6-4, 295, Southlake, TX (Carroll HS)

Tenacious offensive line prospect who comes from a winning background … Was a two-year starter on an offensive line that paved the way for one of the more impressive runs in national high school history … Played on Southlake Carroll teams that went 47-1 in three years, including consecutive 16-0 seasons in 2004 and 2005 … Ranked as the No. 33 offensive tackle prospect in the nation, according to Scout.com … Was a starter for the last two years, with Carroll going 32-0 in games in which he started … Both years saw the Dragons win the Texas 5A state championship, and end the year as the mythical national champions in various polls … Earned 1st-Team all-state honors (by the Texas Sportswriters' Association, as well as Scout.com) as a senior, and added 1st-Team designation on the all-district squad as well, and was his team's co-captain in 2005 … Was an all-district performer in 2004 … Will join former teammate Chase Daniel, now a Mizzou quarterback, on campus this fall … High school coach – Todd Dodge … Was also a letterwinner in wrestling and track, where he threw the shotput … Son of Bill & Jeannine Prince … Currently undecided on intended major at Mizzou, but lists computers as one of his primary hobbies … Chose Mizzou over Iowa State, Utah, Texas El-Paso and Colorado State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Steckel.

>> KEVIN RUTLAND

Fr., QB/DB, 6-1, 185, Houston, TX (North Shore High School)

Solid athlete who possesses the size and skills to contribute on either side of the ball … Played numerous positions as a senior at Houston's North Shore High School, including DB, WR and QB, and helped his team to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the state playoffs … Ranked as the No. 51 cornerback prospect in the nation, according to Rivals, and earned 2nd-Team All-District honors as a senior in 2005 … Played QB as a junior, and was his team's MVP, as he ran for 6 TDs and threw for 3 scores … Also lettered in basketball and track, and was part of a district champion 4x200 relay team … High school coach – David Aymond … Parents – Kenneth & HelenRutland … Chose Mizzou over Colorado, Kansas State, Texas-El Paso, Oklahoma State and Northwestern, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.

>> BRANT SCOTT

Fr., DT, 6-2, 270, College Station, TX (A&M Consolidated High School)

Explosive athlete who excelled at defensive tackle for A&M Consolidated High School in College, Station, Texas … Earned 2nd-Team All-District honors and was named to the 2005 All-Central Texas team after registering 85 tackles and 4 QB sacks as a senior … Also added 5 fumble recoveries, as he helped lead his team to the state semifinals in class 6A … High school coach – Jim Slaughter … Parents – Vernon & Lyn Scott … Chose Mizzou over TCU, Northwestern, Baylor and SMU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.

>> JOHN STULL

Fr., TE/DL, 6-4, 250, Columbia, MO (Rock Bridge High School)

Ranked as the No. 16 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals, who also rates him as the No. 61 strongside defensive end prospect in the nation … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors after recording 64 tackles and 9.5 QB sacks as a senior in 2005 … Earned 1st-Team All-Area and All-District honors as a senior co-captain, as well … Strong all-around athlete who also lettered in basketball at Rock Bridge … Coached at Rock Bridge by former Mizzou standout A.J. Ofodile … Parents – Martin Stull & Laurie Jattros … Chose Mizzou over Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State, Northwestern and Stanford, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

>> LA'RODERICK THOMAS

Fr., QB/DB, 6-2, 190, Dallas, TX (South Oak Cliff High School)

Versatile athlete who was an all-district quarterback at Dallas' South Oak Cliff High School … Was a 2-year starter at signal caller, and was a team captain in both football and basketball … Passed for over 1,000 yards and ran for over 300 as a senior, adding 10 passing TDs and 3 rushing scores that season … As a junior, earned 2nd-Team All-District honors at QB after passing for over 1,200 yards (13 TDs) and rushing for over 500 more (6 TDs) … Basketball team won a state championship as a junior … High school coach – J.B. Wallace … Mother – Bridgit Thomas … Interested in studying business at Mizzou's top-notch School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Kansas State, Toledo, New Mexico, Texas-El Paso, Wyoming and San Diego State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

>> J.P. TILLMAN

Fr., QB/DB, 6-2, 230, Houston, TX (Cy Falls High School)

Three-sport athlete who ranks as the No. 22 dual-threat QB in the nation, according to Rivals … Attended Mizzou's Independence Bowl win in Shreveport, La., then the next week played at the same stadium at the All-American Bowl, where he starred, going 8-of-8 passing for 125 yards, while adding 32 yards rushing on 8 carries … Led his West team to two scoring drives on the day, as his team went on to a 21-13 win in the all-star game … Completed 94-of-168 passes as a senior for 1,406 yards and 10 TDs, and also rushed for nearly 200 yards and 4 TDs, in being considered a top-10 QB in the state of Texas … Was 1st-Team All-District and MVP of the district as a sophomore and a junior, and earned team's offensive MVP honors both years, as well … Threw for 1,041 yards as a junior, completing 51-of-100 passes, and threw for 17 TDs, while rushing for 217 yards and 9 TDs … Accounted for 20 TDs as a sophomore, throwing for just under 1,000 yards and 11 TDs, while rushing for 126 yards and 9 TDs … Was a multi-year letterwinner in basketball and track, in addition to football … High school coach – David Raffield … Parents – John & Marcia Tillman … Has an interest in studying health and nutrition at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over North Carolina and Duke, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.

>> TREMANE VAUGHNS

Jr., WR/DB, 5-9, 180, Patterson, LA (Patterson High School/Pasadena City [CA] C.C.)

Well-rounded athlete who comes to Mizzou looking to contribute in any number of ways … Was a "Mr. Versatility" at Pasadena City Community College, where he played wide receiver, quarterback, defensive back, running back and also returned kickoffs and punts … Ranked as the No. 94 junior college prospect, at any position, by Rivals, and earned honorable mention JUCO All-American plaudits as an all-purpose back from at least one outlet … Hails from the same junior college as current Tiger OL Louis Pintola … During the 2005 season, rushed for 318 yards on 79 carries, completed 19-of-49 passes for 216 yards and 1 TD, and caught 25 passes for 216 yards and 2 TDs … Also returned 8 punts for an average of 9.9 yards per return, and averaged 18.0 yards on 8 kickoff returns … Also recorded 17 tackles and 1 pass broken up as a defensive back … Set a Pacific Coast Conference single-game record by catching 13 passes (for 149 yards and 2 TDs) in a 2005 game against Golden West … As a freshman in 2004, had over 30 tackles on defense, and averaged 26.5 yards on kickoff returns and 19.7 yards on punt returns at Citrus College … Was a prep standout in both football and track at Patterson (La.) High School … Was an All-State all-purpose back as a senior in 2003, and as a defensive back in 2002, and was named the state 3A defensive player of the year in '02 … Ran on a state-title winning 4x100 relay team, and was an All-State performer in track at 100 and 200 meters, and as part of 4x100 and 4x200 relay squads … Has 3 years to play 2 at Mizzou … Is interested in studying business at Mizzou's School of Business … Junior college coach – Dennis Gossard … High school coach – Tommy Minton … Parents – Tyrone Vaughns, Sr. & Anja Rasheed … Chose Mizzou over Marshall, Minnesota and Purdue, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

>> SEAN WEATHERSPOON

Fr., WR/LB, 6-2, 210, Jasper, TX (Jasper High School)

Versatile athlete who was an accomplished three-sport star in Texas, including as a linebacker in football … Was named the Texas District 22-3A player of the year as a senior, after making 98 tackles in 2005 for Jasper … Had 8 tackles for loss in 2005, and added 4 QB sacks and 2 interceptions from his linebacker position as well, and was a 2nd-Team All-State pick … Also played receiver on offense, and had 27 catches for 428 yards and 7 TDs on that side of the ball … Was a 1st-Team All-District selection as a junior in 2004 at linebacker, after registering 105 tackles, 6 tackles for loss, 2 QB sacks and 3 interceptions … Was named the 22-3A defensive newcomer of the year as a sophomore in 2003, when he amassed 101 stops, 3 tackles for loss, 1 QB sack and 2 interceptions … Excellent all-around athlete who was an All-State high jumper in track, and an All-District performer as a guard in basketball … High school coach – Danny Lauve … Parents – Develous & Elwanda Weatherspoon … Has an interest in studying business administration at Mizzou's top-notch School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Iowa State, Houston, Tulane and TCU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

GARY PINKEL
• Head Coach

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Akron, Ohio
Alma Mater:
Kent State ('73)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

RECORD: 102-67-3 overall in 15 seasons; 29-30 at MU in 5 seasons

• 2001-Present	Head Coach, Missouri
• 1991-2000	Head Coach, Toledo
• 1984-90	Offensive Coordinator, Washington
• 1979-83	Receivers, Washington
• 1977-78	Receivers, Bowling Green
• 1976	Tight Ends, Washington
• 1975	Graduate Assistant, Kent State
• 1974	Student Assistant, Kent State

Playing Exp.: Tight End at Kent State (1971-73); A.P. Honorable Mention All-American (1973)

In five years directing the Missouri Tiger football program, Head Coach Gary Pinkel has built a solid foundation that has Mizzou pointed toward a successful future.

While Pinkel himself would say that the program is still being built, Tiger fans will point to the fact that he has led MU to two bowl games in the last three years as an indication that the program is on track.

Pinkel looks to build on the momentum created from a scintillating 38-31 win over South Carolina in the 2005 Independence Bowl that saw his Tigers overcome a 21-point deficit. The thrilling win marked the largest come-from-behind win in school history, and it gave Mizzou only its second bowl win in the last 24 years.

In the last three seasons, Pinkel has led the Tigers to a mark of 20-16 overall.

With a team that was picked to finish fourth in the Big 12 North Division in 2005, Pinkel's Tigers tied for second place, and were playing for a chance to tie for the North title heading into the regular-season finale at Kansas State. That was no small accomplishment for a program that has not won a conference title of any kind since 1969. Pinkel now has led Mizzou to two bowl games, and that puts him in select company, as he joins Don Faurot, Dan Devine, Al Onforio, Warren Powers and Larry Smith as the only coaches to guide MU to multiple bowl games. After beating Nebraska (41-24 on Oct. 22nd) for the 2nd time in three years, Pinkel became the first MU coach since Al Onofrio to defeat the Huskers twice.

His five-year Mizzou record stands at 29-30, and in 15 years, his record is 102-67-3 overall. The win over Nebraska in 2005 was the 100th of his head coaching career.

After taking over a program that had fallen on hard times in 2001, Pinkel had increased success in each of his first three seasons, improving from four wins in 2001 to five wins in 2002, to the 2003 squad which went 8-5 and made the school's third bowl appearance since 1983.

Long considered a "sleeping giant" of a program, Mizzou had a memorable 2003 season under Pinkel's guidance, as he showed that Tiger Nation can indeed roar again.

The list of accomplishments turned in by the 2003 team was staggering:

>> The eight regular-season wins marked the first time since 1980 - and only the 4th time since 1960 - that MU had amassed that many wins in the regular season. The team became only the 9th in MU's history to accomplish the feat...

>> MU went a perfect 6-0 at Faurot Field that season, with the win total marking a school record for one season at home. Mizzou had never won more than five games at Faurot, which opened as Memorial Stadium in 1926. It also marked MU's first unblemished home season since the 1974 team went 5-0...

>> Mizzou's 41-24 win over #10 Nebraska on Oct. 11th was one for the history books, as it broke a 24-game losing streak to the Huskers for MU, making Pinkel the first Tiger coach to beat Nebraska since Warren Powers in 1978...

>> The Nebraska win also marked MU's first win over a top-10 opponent since 1981, breaking a string of 45 straight losses to top-10 foes for the school...

>> MU's 4-0 start to the 2003 season marked the first time since 1981 that any Tiger team had won its first four games to begin a season...

>> Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 6th in the NCAA, in rushing, with an average of 237.46 yards per game. That marked the first time since 1960 that Mizzou has won a conference rushing team title...

Pinkel, 54, was awarded a new contract in November of 2003 that will have him patrolling the Tiger sidelines through the 2008 season.

The 2004 season saw Mizzou take a slight mis-step, as the Tigers went 5-6 overall. But a stirring overtime 17-14 upset win in the 2004 regular-season finale at Iowa State gave the program renewed hope for the future, and provided Mizzou some momentum on which to build in the off-season. The win, which came on a regional ABC Sports telecast, prevented the favored Cyclones from winning their first outright league championship since 1912, and also kept them from playing in the Big 12 Championship game.

The win also likely played an important role in Mizzou's recruiting success, as Pinkel and his staff were able to sign a class considered to be among the nation's top-35 in 2005, even despite the sub-.500 season. The class included the signing of the national high school player of the year (quarterback Chase Daniel out of Southlake [Texas] Carroll High School).

The 31st head coach in the program's history, Pinkel was hired on Nov. 30, 2000, and in his short time on board, he has proven to his colleagues, alumni, fans and student-athletes that Tiger Football is on the upswing.

After a rebuilding year in 2001, Pinkel had Mizzou much improved in his 2nd campaign - and playing for bowl eligibility entering the Tigers' final game of the season. Tough losses to 3rd-ranked Oklahoma (on a late fourth quarter fake field goal), to 18th-ranked Colorado (in overtime) and a last-second loss at 22nd-ranked Iowa State were all that kept Mizzou out of a bowl game.

Pinkel opened the 2002 campaign by leading MU to one of the program's most impressive season-opening wins in recent history when Mizzou dismantled Illinois - the defending Big Ten Conference champions and a 2001 BCS Bowl team - 33-20 in St. Louis, Mo. He later defeated Mizzou's heated rival, the Kansas Jayhawks, as MU downed Kansas 36-12 to give him a 2-0 record vs. KU - making him only the third coach in school history to win his first two encounters against Kansas.

Pinkel came to Missouri after spending 10 very successful years as head coach at Toledo, where he amassed an impressive 73-37-3 record (65.9%).

The school's alltime winningest coach, Pinkel's last six teams there went a combined 50-18-1 overall. Three of those teams advanced to play in the post-season, capturing one Mid-American Conference

championship and three MAC West Division titles. Three of his last five teams at Toledo were ranked in the nation's top 25. His 1995 squad went 11-0-1, and was one of just two schools (national champ Nebraska was the other) to finish the season without a loss.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel learned the trade from one of the alltime great coaches, the legendary Don James. For 12 years as an assistant under James at Washington (1979-90), Pinkel helped guide the Huskies to a combined record of 104-37-2 (73.4%) and three Pac-10 Conference titles. He served as UW's offensive coordinator for seven seasons (1984-90), and helped mold one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks.

Pinkel played under James at Kent State University, where he was an all-conference and honorable mention All-American tight end. He graduated in 1973.

A NEW ERA AT MIZZOU

There were seven points of emphasis that Mizzou's Director of Athletics Mike Alden was looking for when he set out to find a new head football coach following the 2000 season, and on Nov. 30, 2000, there was absolutely no doubt in his mind that Pinkel was the best man for the job.

Alden's points of emphasis included:

- A "Recruiting Machine";
- The ability to build relationships;
- Organization and discipline;
- Player development;
- Commitment to academics;
- A passion for the game;
- A proven winner.

In his short time at Mizzou, Pinkel and his program have already met all seven of Alden's points of emphasis.

A "RECRUITING MACHINE"

Everyone knows that recruiting is the lifeblood of a program, and Pinkel and his staff have been quite successful in attracting top-notch student-athletes to the University of Missouri. The coaches have worked diligently to build relationships, and the results have been five straight impressive recruiting classes.

February of 2005 saw the Tigers announce a class of 23 standouts that was rated among the nation's top-35.

The recruiting class of 2005 also brought one of the nation's marquee players to Mizzou, as the Tigers signed the 2004 EA Sports National High School Player of the Year, in Southlake (Texas) Carroll's Chase Daniel.

Prior to that, the previous two recruiting classes for MU received high marks, as they were ranked 25th in 2004 and 27th in 2003.

In 2002, Pinkel and his staff assembled what Rivals.com rated the 28th best recruiting class in the nation. The Tigers landed six of the top 10 projected players out the state of Missouri, including four of the top five. That recruiting class was rated better than 17 bowl teams, including three that were part of the Bowl Championship Series.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

It did not take long for Pinkel to develop relationships at Missouri, not only within Columbia, but all over the state, including the areas of St. Louis and Kansas City. Pinkel has renewed relationships in both key cities, and earned the trust of coaches, alumni and fans in both major cities.

"It has been over 15 years since I have been a part of the Tigers' program, and I am proud to say that I am back, mainly because of the things that Coach Pinkel stands for," said Demetrious Johnson, a former player at Mizzou and a community leader in St. Louis. "Coach Pinkel understands that it takes a collective effort in all communities to make the Tigers better."

ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE

Gary Pinkel is one of the most organized head football coaches in the country. He and his staff have developed a plan that encompasses 12 months and 365 days of the year. The discipline that Pinkel has instilled in his program has garnered national attention. In the fall of 2001, Pinkel and the Missouri program was the centerpiece of an article written in Sports Illustrated titled "Lords of Discipline."

"He's the type of guy I wish I'd had in my life growing up," said Jamonte Robinson, a senior captain in 2001. "Not a day goes by I don't wish I were a freshman in his (Pinkel) system. I told Coach Pinkel that."

Not only has the discipline in Pinkel's program been evident off the field, it has carried onto the field, as it should. NCAA statistics showed that from 2001-04, the Tigers committed the fewest turnovers in the nation, with just 59. The next fewest in the nation in that same amount of time was 63, by Northern Illinois. The next fewest in the Big 12 during that stretch was Oklahoma's 75 turnovers, which ranked them 11th-best in the nation during that stretch.

In 2003, Mizzou led the nation in fewest turnovers committed, with just 13 giveaways in 13 games, one year after MU led the nation in 2002 in the same category (12 turnovers in 12 games, despite a redshirt freshman starting at quarterback).

In 2001, the Tigers were ranked No. 1 in the Big 12 Conference in fewest penalties and gave up the fewest quarterback sacks in the league (6), a number that ranked in the top five in the country. The Tigers also valued the football, as Missouri ranked third in the Big 12, turning the ball over just 16 times.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The improved athletic and personal development of the student-athletes in the Missouri football program is obvious. Pinkel's player development program is a system that works.

The Missouri Tigers are in the best shapes of their lives. Many players have used the player development program to drop body fat, while other players dropped excessive weight to maximize their athletic potential.

Ten Missouri players were voted All-Big 12 in 2005 by league coaches and media. That upped the five-year total under Pinkel to 55 players who have earned at least honorable mention all-league status, including 26 receiving either first, second or third-team status. Only two MU players were recognized as first, second or third-team All-Big 12 performers in 2000 prior to his arrival.

Pinkel's player development program has been effective off the field as well. Pinkel established several player committees, including the leadership council, a group that meets once a week during the season. Pinkel also meets with his team captains once a week during the season. Once elected, his captains go through leadership training up to the start of the new campaign.

Player development and player relationships are a trademark of Pinkel's program. Close to 20 of Pinkel's former players have gone on to play in the National Football League, several of whom have gone on to long careers.

Pinkel prodigies include: Chris Chandler, Mark Brunell, Dan Williams, Andy McCollum, Brian Habib, Billy Joe Hobert, Lincoln Kennedy, Greg Lewis, Hugh Millen, Steve Pelleur, Aaron Pierce, Kevin Gogan, Ed Cunningham and MU's own Justin Gage, who is making a splash as a

wideout for the NFL's Chicago Bears, and record-setting quarterback Brad Smith, who was a fourth-round selection by the New York Jets in the 2006 NFL Draft.

COMMITMENT TO ACADEMICS

Academically, the football Tigers have achieved great things in five years under the direction of Pinkel. Mizzou has had at least six players earn Academic All-Big 12 honors each year under Pinkel, including the 2002 season, when 13 MU players garnered academic all-league honors, including a school-record 10 first-teamers.

In the last five years, Mizzou has been represented on the District VII All-Academic first team four times, including three times by offensive lineman Rob Droege (2001, 2002, 2003) and once by quarterback Kirk Farmer (2001). Mizzou had not had a player voted onto the prestigious list since 1998.

Record-setting quarterback Brad Smith was awarded the prestigious National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award in December of 2005, which carries along with it an $18,000 post-graduate scholarship. He was also one of 16 national finalists for the Draddy Award, which is recognized as the "Academic Heisman."

Droege also stepped into the national stage in 2003, as he was named a 1st-Team Academic All-American and earned the same National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award.

A PASSION FOR THE GAME

It was evident on the day that Gary Pinkel was hired at Missouri that he had a passion for the game of football. Not only a passion for the game, but a passion for winning.

"I hate to lose" is a phrase that Pinkel has used over and over again. Pinkel has instilled that same fiery brand of intensity into his coaching staff, his players, and Tiger fans.

Pinkel has also forced the notion that losing is not acceptable into his players. Center A.J. Ricker, voted the Rigman Outstanding Underclassman Leadership Award winner in 2001, displayed that the players quickly took Pinkel's beliefs to heart in his first year on board at MU.

"No one should be happy we lost," said Ricker following a close loss to No. 6 Texas in 2001. "No one should be like, 'OK, we hung with Texas.' It's not like that anymore, man. We've gotta win."

A PROVEN WINNER

Pinkel spent 10 seasons as the head coach at the University of Toledo. Pinkel, who is Toledo's all-time winningest coach, recorded an impressive record of 73-37-3 there. During his last six seasons, Pinkel's Rockets went 50-18-1 overall. Three of those teams advanced to play in the post-season, capturing one MAC Championship and three MAC West Division titles. Three of his last five teams at Toledo were ranked in the nation's top 25.

Pinkel's display of winning goes back even further than Toledo. For 12 seasons, he worked under coaching legend Don James at the University of Washington, serving as his offensive coordinator for six of those seasons (1984-90). While at Washington, the Huskies were 104-37-3, including a 63-27-2 record in Pac-10 games and three Pac-10 titles.

BOWL EXPERIENCE

Between Toledo, Washington and Missouri, Pinkel has 14 years of bowl experience. In bowl games that Pinkel has been involved in, his teams are 10-4.

He helped guide the Tigers to the 2003 MainStay Independence Bowl, which represented just the third bowl game for MU since 1983, as well as the aforementioned 2005 Independence Bowl which resulted in MU's 38-31 comeback win over Coach Steve Spurrier and favored South Carolina.

In 1995, Pinkel guided his club to a 40-37 overtime victory over Nevada in the fourth Las Vegas Bowl. The win capped off an undefeated season for the Rockets. It was also an historical event, as it marked the first-ever overtime game in NCAA Division I-A history.

ALL-AMERICAN TIGHT END

A graduate of Kent State University, Pinkel earned All-Conference honors as tight end in 1972 and 1973 and was an Associated Press honorable mention All-American selection in 1973. Pinkel, who played at Kent with former Pittsburgh Steelers great Jack Lambert, was voted team captain and most valuable player his senior campaign (1973) and had a professional tryout with the Steelers.

Pinkel played under Don James at Kent and was hired by him as a graduate assistant at Washington (1976) after two years as a graduate assistant at Kent (1974-75).

After one year working with the tight ends at UW, Pinkel was hired by former Bowling Green head coach Denny Stoltz as wide receivers coach and worked at BGSU from 1977-78 before accepting James' call back to Washington. Pinkel returned to the Husky program in 1979 as wide receivers coach, and five seasons later was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Pinkel, graduated from Kenmore High School in Akron, Ohio, and received his bachelor of science degree in education from Kent in 1973. He did post-graduate studies at Kent and Bowling Green, and in 1997 was inducted into the Kent Athletic Hall of Fame. He was born April 27, 1952. Pinkel and his wife, Vicki, have a daughter, Erin, and sons Geoff and Blake.

PINKEL COACHING RECORD

(15 years, 102-67-3, .602)

At Toledo

Year	Overall	Pct.	MAC (Place)	Pct.
1991	5-5-1	.500	4-3-1 (T-3rd)	.563
1992	8-3	.727	5-3 (T-3rd)	.625
1993	4-7	.364	3-5 (T-7th)	.375
1994	6-4-1	.591	4-3-1 (6th)	.563
1995	11-0-1	.958	7-0-1 (1st)	.938
1996	7-4	.636	6-2 (T-2nd)	.750
1997	9-3	.750	7-1 (1st/West)	.875
1998	7-5	.583	6-2 (1st/West)	.750
1999	6-5	.545	5-3 (T-2nd/West)	.625
2000	10-1	.909	6-1 (1st/West)	.857
10 yrs.	**73-37-3**	**.646**	**53-23-3**	**.689**

At Missouri

Year	Overall	Pct.	Big 12 (Place)	Pct.
2001	4-7	.363	3-5 (5th)	.375
2002	5-7	.417	2-6 (5th)	.250
2003	8-5	.750	4-4 (3rd)	.500
2004	5-6	.455	3-5 (3rd)	.375
2005	7-5	.583	4-4 (2nd)	.500
5 years	**29-30**	**.492**	**16-24**	**.400**

DAVE CHRISTENSEN

• Assistant Head Coach
• Offensive Coordinator
• Offensive Line

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Everett, Wash.
Alma Mater: Western Washington ('85)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2001-Present	Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/ Offensive Line, Missouri
• 1997-00	Off. Coordinator/Offensive Line, Toledo
• 1992-96	Offensive Line, Toledo
• 1990-91	OL/TE/RB, Idaho State
• 1989-90	Offensive Line, Washington
• 1988	Spokane Falls CC
• 1986-87	Offensive/Defensive Line, Eastern Washington
• 1985	Offensive/Defensive Line, Everett (WA) H.S.
• 1984	Offensive/Defensive Line, Sehome (WA) H.S.
• 1983	Running Backs, Western Washington
Playing Experience:	Washington (1980-82)
Recruiting Areas:	Southwest Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Arizona Junior Colleges

Christensen's All-Big 12 Performers

- Aaron Crittendon, OL – 2nd Team (2001)
- A.J. Ricker, OL – 3rd Team (2001), 2nd Team (2002), 1st Team (2003)
- Justin Bland, OL – Hon. Men. (2001)
- Mike Hayes, OL – Hon. Men. (2001)
- Rob Droege, OL – 1st Team (2002, 2003)
- Tony Palmer, OL – Hon. Men. (2003), 2nd Team (2004)
- Adam Spieker, OL – Hon. Men. (2005)
- Joel Clinger, OL – Hon. Men. (2005)

Dave Christensen is one of the top offensive coaches in the nation, and has coached under Gary Pinkel since 1992. He has been Pinkel's offensive coordinator since 1997, and has coached the offensive line the past 13 seasons. Christensen, a 2002 and 2003 nominee for the Frank Broyles Assistant Coach of the Year Award, is in his sixth season as Assistant Head Coach – the highest-ranking assistant on Pinkel's staff.

Christensen's offense, which underwent a big transformation to a spread, no-huddle attack in 2005, was very successful throughout the year. His attack, executed by record-setting quarterback Brad Smith, ended

the 2005 season ranked in the top four in the Big 12, and in the top-40 nationally in three major categories – rushing (205.25 ypg – 3rd in Big 12/17th in NCAA), total offense (429.75 ypg – 4th/24th) and scoring (30.75 ppg – 4th/34th).

Despite going to battle each week with a young offensive line that featured just one senior starter, the offense jelled right away, as the Tigers rolled to 657 yards in the 2005 season opener against Arkansas State. That was just three yards shy of the school record. Three of Christensen's linemen won all-Big 12 honors in 2005, led by senior left guard Tony Palmer, who earned 1st-Team league honors for the first time in his career. He was joined by sophomore center Adam Spieker and junior right tackle Joel Clinger, who both won honorable mention acclaim by league coaches. Palmer eventually became a 7th-round draft pick in the 2006 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Rams.

Christensen was behind the wheel of a Mizzou offensive attack in 2003 broke the school single-season record for points, with 399. That broke the previous mark of 368 set by the 1997 squad.

The Tiger rushing attack also proved to be one of the most potent in the nation in 2003, as MU led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 6th nationally with an average of 237.46 yards per game. That marked the first time since 1960 that MU won a conference rushing championship, when the Tigers led the old Big Eight with a mark of 249.3 yards per game. Its 3,087 rushing yards for the season ranked as second-best in school season history. Senior center A.J. Ricker and senior tackle Rob Droege each earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2003, while sophomore guard Tony Palmer earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 status. Ricker and Droege both signed free agent contracts in the spring of 2004 with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League. Scott Paffrath signed a free agent deal with the Washington Redskins following the 2005 NFL Draft.

Three Mizzou linemen received various honors in 2004. Veteran guard Tony Palmer earned 2nd-Team All-Big 12 honors in 2004, while sophomores Adam Spieker (center) and Tyler Luellen (tackle) also won various league honors. Spieker, who started all 11 games in 2004, was named a 2nd-Team freshman All-American by one outlet, and a 1st-Team freshman All-Big 12 performer by another, while Luellen, who started three times in 2004, was selected to the 1st-Team freshman All-Big 12 squad.

Under Christensen's guidance, Mizzou featured one of the most potent attacks in school history in 2002. The Tigers averaged 30.0 points per game, and the 360 points scored were the third-most in MU history at the time. Christensen's balanced run-pass attack turned redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Smith into one of the nation's most talked about players, as he became just the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

Mizzou's emphasis on a disciplined attack also produced an offense that led the nation in fewest turnovers, with just 11 offensive giveaways in 12 games.

Three of Christensen's linemen earned honors in 2002, including juniors Rob Droege (1st-Team All-Big 12) and A.J. Ricker (2nd-Team All-Big 12) and redshirt freshman Tony Palmer (4th-Team Freshman All-American).

In his final seven seasons at the University of Toledo, the Rockets' offense set or reset some 75 school records. During that period, the Rockets had an undefeated and MAC championship season (11-0 in 1995) and three MAC West titles (1997 and 1998).

In 1999, Toledo was 10th in the country in rushing (239.2) and led the nation in yards per attempt (5.35).

Christensen came to Toledo from Idaho State University where he coached the offensive line, tight ends and running backs for two years. Prior to his stint at Idaho State, he served two years as an assistant coach under Don James at the University of Washington. He also played football for the Huskies from 1980-82.

Christensen coached Andy McCollum, the center for the St. Louis Rams while at Toledo. Another lineman, Colin Westerich, made the Sporting News All-America Team in 1999.

Christensen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Western Washington in 1985 and a Master of Science degree in college instruction/sports science from Eastern Washington University in 1988.

He and his wife Susie, are the parents of Katie (17), D.J. (15) and Emily (11).

MATT EBERFLUS

• Associate Head Coach
• Defensive Coordinator
• Safeties

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio
Alma Mater: Toledo ('93)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2004-Present	Defensive Coordinator, Safeties, Missouri
• 2001-2003	Defensive Coordinator, Secondary, Missouri
• 1999-00	Defensive Backs, Toledo
• 1994-98	Outside Safeties, Toledo
• 1994-95	Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
• 1993	Graduate Assistant, Toledo
• 1992	Student Assistant, Toledo
Playing Experience:	Toledo (1988-91)
Recruiting Areas:	Eastern Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, California Junior Colleges

Eberflus' All-Big 12 Performers

- Michael Harden, CB – Hon. Men. (2003)
- Nino Williams II, S – Hon. Men. (2003)
- Jason Simpson, S – 2nd Team (2004), Hon. Men. (2005)
- David Overstreet, S – Hon. Men. (2005)

In his sixth year as defensive coordinator at Mizzou, and his first with the recently-added title of associate head coach, is Matt Eberflus. The 2005 season marked Eberflus' 14th season under Gary Pinkel, and his seventh campaign coaching defensive backs. Eberflus, who is also one of Missouri's top in-state recruiters, began working with the Tiger safeties in 2004, after overseeing the broader secondary in his first three years at Mizzou.

Eberflus was the architect behind Mizzou's stellar defense in 2004, which saw the Tigers become one of the most improved units in the country, and one of the best in the Big 12 Conference. Mizzou ended the season ranked 2nd in the league in total defense, and 14th in the NCAA rankings, allowing an average of 301.36 yards per game.

Mizzou's pass defense led the Big 12 in 2004, and ranked 3rd nationally, allowing an average of just 149.27 yards per game. Eberflus' troops also ranked among the nation's top-25 in two other categories last season – pass efficiency defense (12th – 104.28) and

scoring defense (23rd – 19.55 ppg) – meaning the Tigers were among the nation's 25 best in four categories for the season.

In 2004, the Tiger defense was top-notch in many other categories, and just a few of those include fewest opponents first downs allowed (1st in the Big 12) and fourth-down defense (1st). Mizzou also ranked second in the Big 12 last season in third-down defense, allowing opponents to convert on only 29.4 percent of their tries.

The 2005 unit began the year as young and inexperienced, having lost seven starters off the 2004 squad, but it showed improvement throughout the season and played a key role in helping MU get back to the post-season. Both of Eberflus' starting safeties – SS David Overstreet and FS Jason Simpson – earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors, as both were relied upon to make big play after big play.

Overstreet, a converted quarterback who switched to defense in 2003, emerged as Mizzou's top play-maker in 2005, as he led the team with 100 tackles and five turnovers – including three recovered fumbles which tied for most in the Big 12 Conference. Simpson further continued his development into one of the top safeties in the league, and he turned in 88 total tackles and was second on the team with a career-high 12 passes broken up.

Eberflus did a masterful job in 2003 of molding together a relatively green defense into a steadily-improving unit that clearly made a difference in MU surging to an 8-5 record and post-season play.

A look at the numbers show that Eberflus' defense made great strides in 2004. After ranking 107th nationally in total defense in 2002 (450.33 ypg), MU allowed nearly 150 less in 2004, as noted above, and ranked 14th in the NCAA (301.35 ypg). Mizzou's pass defense made the most progress, making an amazing jump to 3rd in the nation in 2004 (149.27 ypg), just two years after it ranked 113th nationally with an average allowance of 282.58 yards in 2002.

Two of Eberflus' secondary proteges, senior cornerback Michael Harden and junior safety Nino Williams II, earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2003. Harden went on to sign a free agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks following the 2004 NFL Draft. Safety Jason Simpson blossomed under Eberflus in 2004 into an all-league performer, as he was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 in what was a breakout season.

Eberflus led a unit that showed signs of improvement in 2002, as Mizzou held eight of its 12 foes under their season scoring average, including Oklahoma, Kansas State, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Illinois, Kansas, Ball State and Troy State. The Tiger defense also made good on plans to improve in making big plays in 2002, as MU scored three defensive touchdowns (compared to one in 2001), forced 24 turnovers (up from 19 in 2001) and turned in 23 sacks (up from 20 in 2001).

Eberflus was in charge of coaching a young, inexperienced defense in 2001. The Missouri defense played hard and made marked improvement throughout the campaign. Six defensive starters were playing new positions, including two that were playing on the defensive side of the football for the first time in their careers. Five members of the defensive unit earned postseason accolades, including defensive tackle Keith Wright (2nd-Team All-Big 12), defensive end Antwaun Bynum (honorable mention All-Big 12) and Tauras Ferguson (honorable mention All-Big 12). All three players played new positions in 2001.

Known as a top-notch recruiter, Eberflus has landed several impact players in his short time at Mizzou, including All-American quarterback Brad Smith (Youngstown, Ohio) and wide receiver Sean Coffey (East Cleveland, Ohio) among many others. Eberflus is also credited with leading the recruiting efforts of two of the top high school players in the state of Missouri in the 2002 recruiting class, as he was instrumental in landing national recruits Dedrick Harrington and Joel Clinger. He's also helped sign recent newcomers Jerrill Humphrey, William Moore, Jimmy Jackson, Kyle Riggs and Matt Russell.

Eberflus' secondary played a huge role in helping the University of Toledo become one of the top defensive teams in the country in 2000. The UT defense led the nation in turnover margin (+2.0), recording 15 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries. The Toledo secondary ranked 19th in the country in pass defense (187.45 yards per game) and was part of a defense that was ranked third in the nation in total defense, giving up just 269 yards per game.

Eberflus was a four-year letterwinner and a three-year starter at linebacker for Toledo, earning first team All-Conference honors his junior and senior seasons. Eberflus was Toledo's captain as a senior. He led Toledo in tackles his last two seasons, making 89 stops in 1990 and 138 in 1991. He received the Nicholson Trophy as a senior for contributing the most toward the success of the team. He was inducted in February, 2004 into the Toledo Athletic Hall of Fame.

Eberflus earned a bachelor of education degree in 1993. Matt and his wife Kelly have two daughters, Grace (6) and Giada, born Oct. 21st, 2005.

CORNELL FORD
• Cornerbacks

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Gary, Ind.
Alma Mater: Toledo ('91)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2004	Cornerbacks, Missouri
• 2001-2003	Outside Safeties, Missouri
• 1996-00	Receivers, Toledo
• 1996	Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
• 1993-95	QB/RB/WR, Marietta College
• 1991-92	Graduate Assistant, Toledo
• 1988-90	Freshman Coach, Maumee (OH) H.S.
Recruiting Areas:	St. Louis

Ford's All-Big 12 Performers
- Tauras Ferguson, OS – Hon. Men. (2001)
- Shirdonya Mitchell, CB – Hon. Men. (2004)
- Marcus King, CB – Hon. Men. (2005)

Cornell Ford completed his 11th season as a valuable member of Coach Gary Pinkel's staff, including his sixth working with the Tiger secondary. Beginning with the 2004 season, Ford has coached the Tiger cornerbacks, after he focused on MU's outside safeties the previous three years. Ford is also the Tigers' chief recruiter in St. Louis, where he has signed some of the very best players in the state.

After losing his top performer from 2004 in Shirdonya Mitchell, Ford helped develop his cornerback unit into one that was dependable and steady in 2005. Mizzou ended the 2005 regular season ranking 4th in the Big 12 in pass defense, allowing an average of 212.55 yards per game.

Senior Marcus King blossomed into a big-play performer for the Tiger secondary in 2005, as he led the team with a career-high 13 passes broken up – including a record-breaking 99-yard interception return for a TD in the Independence Bowl win. King earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors by both league coaches and media for his efforts, and he teamed with fellow senior A.J. Kincade to give the Tigers a dependable tandem. King later went on to earn a free agent contract with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys following the 2006 NFL Draft, and another Ford protégé, Calvin Washington, was invited to the rookie minicamp of the Washington Redskins following the draft as well.

Just about every one of Ford's cornerbacks had career years under his coaching in 2004, and that performance was

instrumental in Mizzou's substantial improvement in defense. Thanks in large part to his cornerbacks, Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 3rd nationally in pass defense in 2004, allowing an average of just 149.27 yards per game. His corners grabbed 8 of MU's 15 interceptions in 2004, which was a nice team improvement from a total of 9 in 2003 (including 3 from cornerbacks that year).

Senior Shirdonya Mitchell blossomed into a high-level cornerback in 2004 under Ford's direction, as he ranked 5th in the Big 12 Conference, and 33rd nationally, with his 4 interceptions. Mitchell earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors for his play, in only his second year playing defense, and signed a two-year free agent deal with the Miami Dolphins following the 2005 NFL Draft. Juniors Marcus King and A.J. Kincade also had big years, as King tied for the team lead with four turnovers gained (2 interceptions and 2 fumbles) and led the team with 7 pass break ups, while Kincade had a career-high 2 interceptions, including a game-winning pickoff in overtime of the season finale at Iowa State.

In 2003, Ford's safeties were a key reason why the Tiger defense showed steady improvement.

Redshirt freshman Dedrick Harrington made his much-anticipated Tiger debut in 2003, and he didn't disappoint, as his production was enough to earn him Big 12 All-Freshman Team honors by The Sporting News. Not to be outdone, sophomore rover Quincy Wade, despite his diminutive 5-foot-9 frame, continually made enough big hits to eventually be named the team's outside safety of the year.

Ford coached a group of outside safeties that flashed big-play potential in 2002, despite an overall lack of playing experience. Senior Tauras Ferguson, in just his second year on the defensive side, had a solid season by registering 65 tackles, including eight for losses and two sacks. He also grabbed two interceptions from his safety spot, including one that he returned for a touchdown against 18th-ranked Colorado that helped swing the momentum back to the Tigers. Ferguson's development under Ford led to a free agent contract with the Oakland Raiders just following the 2003 NFL Draft.

In addition to his coaching duties, Ford has worked hard to earn a reputation as one of the most well-trusted recruiting presences in his area of St. Louis. His hard work and straightforward approach has paid off recently, as he pulled a coup by landing three standouts from the Eureka High School team in 2003. Ford was also successful in getting Missouri's foot in the door in other St. Louis schools where there hadn't been much Tiger success in recent years.

As outside safeties coach, Ford coached Tauras Ferguson, who had never played on the defensive side of the football in his career, to honorable mention All-Big 12 honors in 2001 after totaling 71 tackles, two quarterback sacks and two recovered fumbles.

Ford spent five seasons at Toledo coaching the wide receivers. Toledo graduate Mel Long pulled in 175 receptions in his four-year career, 21 of those for touchdowns. He also held the longest active streak in NCAA Division I for consecutive games with a reception. Under Ford, Long became Toledo's all-time leading receiver.

Before Toledo, Ford coached at Marietta College where he coached the quarterbacks, running backs and receivers, while also serving as the team's strength and conditioning coach. Marietta led the conference in rushing offense in 1994 and 1995 and owned the league's top running back both seasons.

Prior to joining the Marietta staff, Ford served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Toledo. He helped with the offensive line in 1992 and the secondary in 1991.

Ford holds a bachelor's degree (1991) in physical education and a master's degree (1993) in sports administration from Toledo.

He and his wife, Dawn, are the parents of a son, Devin, 16, and a daughter, Taylor, 14.

ANDY HILL
• Wide Receivers

11th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Trenton, Mo.
Alma Mater: Missouri ('85)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2001-Present	Wide Receivers, Missouri
• 2000	Co-Offensive Coord./Wide Receivers, Missouri
• 1996-99	Wide Receivers, Missouri
• 1994-95	Head Coach, Hutchinson CC
• 1992-1993	Assistant Coach, Hutchinson CC
• Spring 1992	Volunteer Graduate Assistant, SMU
Playing Experience:	Missouri (1980-84)
Recruiting Area:	Northwest Missouri, Kansas City, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas Junior Colleges

Hill's All-Big 12 Performers
- Kent Layman, WR – Hon. Men. (1998)
- Justin Gage, WR – Hon. Men. (2000), 1st Team (2001, 2002)
- Sean Coffey, WR – Hon. Men. (2004), Hon. Men. (2005)

Andy Hill has coached five seasons under Gary Pinkel and 10 seasons overall at the University of Missouri, making him the longest tenured coach on the Tiger football staff. Hill coaches the Mizzou wide receivers as he has since joining the Missouri staff in 1996. Hill has helped mold several young receivers into key components of the Missouri offense, including such players as Kent Layman, John Dausman, Justin Gage, and most recently, Sean Coffey.

Under Hill's tutelage, Coffey blossomed in 2004, as he caught 39 passes for 648 yards and an MU single-season record 10 touchdowns. The junior earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors for his efforts, marking the third receiver under Hill that has won all-league distinction. Senior Thomson Omboga also ended his career in strong fashion, as he hauled in 39 catches to give him 127 for his career, which ranks him 4th alltime at Mizzou. Omboga signed a free agent deal with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings following the 2005 NFL Draft.

Coffey had an injury-plagued regular season as a senior in 2005, but still earned honorable mention All-Big 12 status, despite missing 3 games due to injury. He ranks as one of MU's most

productive pass catchers of alltime, as he stands 5th on MU's alltime receiving yardage list (1,596) and 6th on the career receptions list (118). Coffey signed a free agent contract with the NFL's San Diego Chargers following the 2006 NFL Draft.

Despite having a relatively young group to work with overall, Hill saw Coffey, sophomore William Franklin, junior Brad Ekwerekwu, senior Arnold Britt and freshman Tommy Saunders all turn in career-high numbers in receptions this past season.

Hill helped develop Gage into one of the top receivers in the Big 12 Conference and one of the premier wide outs in the country. After converting from quarterback in the spring of 2000, Gage caught 200 passes for 2,704 yards and 18 touchdowns in three seasons – all MU career receiving records. Gage left after 2002 holding virtually every game, season and career receiving mark on the Mizzou books, and is now making an impact professionally, after he became a 5th-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the 2003 NFL Draft.

Perhaps even more impressive was the astonishingly quick transition Hill helped another converted quarterback make to a dependable wideout in 2002 – Darius Outlaw. Outlaw switched to receiver during fall camp, despite never having played the position before, and turned into a legitimate threat throughout the course of the season. Outlaw ended up as MU's second-leading receiver thanks to Hill's tutelage, with 46 catches for 552 yards and three touchdowns.

While the Tiger passing attack undoubtedly missed Gage's abilities in 2003, Hill's wideouts still played a key role in MU's offense that broke the school single-season record for points, with 399 (breaking the old mark of 368 in 1997).

Six different wideouts caught passes in 2003, a group which was led by junior Thomson Omboga. Omboga developed into MU's leading pass catcher last year, with 52 catches for 466 yards and a touchdown, while senior Darius Outlaw (41 catches, 417 yards) had the most receiving scores on the season, with four.

But the impact of MU's receiving corps isn't told just by passing statistics – they also play a key role in the Tiger rushing attack. There is no question that their downfield blocking contributed to MU's 2003 rushing attack which amassed 3,087 yards, 38 rushing TDs and which led the Big 12 Conference and ranked 6th nationally with an average of 237.46 yards per game in 2003.

Three of Hill's receivers are among 12 Tigers all-time to accumulate over 160 receiving yards in a single-game, with Gage holding the school record of 236 yards (accomplished twice). Missouri has had 11 different receivers go over 100 yards in a single game during Hill's tenure.

Previous to Missouri, Hill was the head football coach at Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College. Hutchinson went 18-6 under Hill, including a 10-2 record in 1995 when it won its first Conference title since 1969 and ranked ninth in the final NJCAA national poll. He was named the conference Coach of the Year. Hill was the offensive coordinator at Hutchinson in 1992 and 1993 after serving as a graduate assistant at SMU in the spring of 1992.

Hill is a Mizzou grad who walked on the Tiger football team in 1980 and eventually earned a scholarship. He lettered in 1980, '81, '83 and '84 and played on Missouri teams that earned trips to the Liberty, Tangerine and Holiday Bowls. In his career, Hill caught 51 passes for 946 yards and scored seven touchdowns. As a senior, he caught 25 passes for 445 yards and three scores. Following his playing days at Missouri, he spent time in the training camps of the Kansas City Chiefs and Calgary Stampeders in 1985 and '86.

Andy and his wife Sarah are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ryan (10), and they welcomed their second child, son Andrew Tye, in January of 2006. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from MU in 1985. He worked for the athletic department as MU's group sales coordinator in 1988-89, and also worked at American Bank in his hometown of Trenton, Mo., and for Edwards D. Jones Co. in Brookfield.

BRIAN JONES
• Running Backs

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Falmouth, Jamaica
Alma Mater: Connecticut ('80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2001-Present	Running Backs, Missouri
• 1995-00	Running Backs, Toledo
• 1992-94	Receivers, Toledo
• 1991	Receivers, Lafayette College
• 1988-91	Receivers/OLB, Massachusetts
• 1984-87	Outside Linebackers, Villanova
• 1983-84	Offensive Line, Rensselear Poly Tech
Playing Experience:	Connecticut (1979)
Recruiting Area:	Houston, Southern Texas

Jones' All-Big 12 Performers
• Zack Abron, TB – 3rd Team (2001), Hon. Men. (2002), 2nd Team (2003)

Brian Jones has been a member of Gary Pinkel's coaching staff since 1992. After coaching wide receivers from 1992-94, he has guided an excellent running game for the last 11 seasons.

Missouri's rushing attack has become one of the best in the Big 12 Conference the last few seasons, thanks in large part, to the work Jones has done with his backs.

Jones had a very young group of backs to work with in 2005, as his top four ball carriers entering the season consisted of two sophomores (Marcus Woods and Tony Temple) and two redshirt freshmen (Jimmy Jackson and Earl Goldsmith).

Despite their overall youth, and some injury problems for each one throughout the year, Jones' group made steady progress in 2005, and contributed heavily to MU's rushing attack, which ranked 3rd in the Big 12 Conference, and 17th in the NCAA, averaging 205.25 yards per game. Mizzou's tailbacks combined to rush for more than 1,100 yards and tallied 8 TDs in 2005, averaging a healthy 5.6 yards per carry. This past May, Jones was one of only 25 coaches selected to participate in the prestigious NCAA Expert Coaches Academy.

Jones' backs rushed for over 1,200 yards and had 9 of MU's 13 rushing TDs on the season in 2004. They were led by junior Damien Nash, who had 792 yards and 7 TDs, and redshirt freshman Marcus Woods, who had 428 yards and 2 scores. Woods was named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 for his efforts in 2004. Nash was a 5th-round

draft pick by the Tennessee Titans in the 2005 NFL Draft.

Mizzou had one of the nation's most potent rushing attacks in 2003, as the Tigers pounded their way to 3,087 yards, good for a per-game average of 237.46 yards that ranked MU 1st in the Big 12 Conference and 6th in the NCAA statistics. It marked the first time since 1960 that MU won a conference rushing championship, when the Tigers led the old Big Eight with a mark of 249.3 yards per game. Missouri rushed for 38 touchdowns on the year, on the way to scoring a school single-season record 399 points.

Jones' workhorse from 2001-03 was tailback Zack Abron. Abron thrived under Jones' coaching and turned himself into one of the top backs in the Big 12 Conference. Abron rushed for a career-best 1,155 yards in 2003, making him only the 7th 1,000-yard rusher in MU history.

Abron set numerous career records in 2003, as he left MU holding the standard in rushing yards (3,198), touchdowns (42) and points (252). He improved his average yards per rush from 3.6 as a freshman in 2000 to a healthy 5.3 in 2003, and also worked with Jones to develop himself into a pass-catching threat out of the backfield. Abron was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 in 2003 for his work, and went on to sign a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons following the 2004 Draft.

Mizzou ranked fifth in the league in rushing in 2001 and 2002, and improved from a per-game average of 167.4 yards per game in 2001 to an average of 183.7 per game in 2002. Abron bulled his way to 758 yards and was a force near the goalline as he scored 17 total touchdowns in 2002 (15 rushing, 2 receiving). One of the most sure-handed backs in the league, Abron was an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection in 2002.

Under Jones' guidance, Abron became the Tigers' leading rusher in 2001 and was one of the most improved running backs in the Big 12. He rushed for 783 yards and averaged 5.0 yards per carry en route to being named third team All-Big 12. Abron rushed for over 100 yards five times on the season, including 100-plus games against Texas and Kansas State, two of the top rush defenses in the nation.

During Jones' last two seasons at Toledo, UT's running attack was ranked in the top-10 in the country. In 2000, the Rockets' running game ranked ninth in the country, racking up 253.8 yards per game. UT compiled 2,792 yards on the ground and averaged 5.43 yards per carry. In 1999, Toledo ranked 10th in the country in rushing, compiling 239.2 yards per outing and ranked No. 1 in the nation in yards per attempt (5.35). Jones' protégé Chester Taylor racked up 1,176 yards and ranked 20th in the country, while his rushing average of 6.5 yards per carry ranked second-best in the nation.

In 1995, Toledo led the league and ranked fifth in the nation in rushing, averaging 244.5 yards per game. The Rockets' starting tailback that season, Wasean Tait, broke 16 school records, including yards in a season (1,905) and touchdowns (20). Tait was the named the MAC Player of the Year and garnered second team All-America honors ranking second in the nation in rushing and third in scoring.

Jones came to Toledo from Lafayette College where he served as the wide receivers coach for one season. Prior to that, Jones served three years each as an assistant coach with the Massachusetts (1988-91) and Villanova (1984-87).

He also had coaching stints at Rensselear Polytechnic Institute (1983-84), Norwich (VT) University (1982-83) and the New York Institute of Technology (1981-82).

Jones was an offensive lineman at the University of Connecticut, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1980. He also holds a Master of Science degree in administration and physical education from Norwich (1983).

Jones was born in Jamaica and raised in New York City. He and his wife, Mary Kay, are the parents of sons Grant, 11, Brandon, 8, and daughter Audrey, 4.

CRAIG KULIGOWSKI
• Defensive Line

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Southgate, Mich.
Alma Mater: Toledo ('91)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2001-Present	Defensive Line, Missouri
• 1996-00	Defensive Line, Toledo
• 1994-95	Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Toledo
• 1993-94	Tight Ends, Toledo
• 1992-93	Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
Playing Experience:	Toledo (1987-90)
Recruiting Area:	Houston, Southern Texas

Kuligowski's All-Big 12 Performers
- Keith Wright, DL – 2nd Team (2001, 2002)
- Antwaun Bynum, DE – Hon. Men. (2001), 3rd Team (2002)
- Atiyyah Ellison, DL – 3rd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
- C.J. Mosley, DL – 2nd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
- Brian Smith, DE – Hon. Men. (2003, 2004), Freshman All-American (2003)

Craig Kuligowski is in his 15th season alongside Gary Pinkel, including his 10th season coaching the defensive line.

Facing arguably the biggest rebuilding job at any position on the team in 2005, Kuligowski oversaw a defensive line that grew into a solid unit, despite losing three starters from 2004 to the NFL. Junior defensive end Brian Smith blossomed into an every-down player, and had a monster year, ranking among the best in the Big 12 Conference with 9 QB sacks, 17 tackles for loss and 12 QB hurries, to go along with his career-high total of 66 tackles. Smith earned 2nd-Team All-Big 12 accolades for his performance.

Redshirt freshman end Stryker Sulak emerged as one of the top up-and-coming players on the line for Kuligowski, as he became the starter opposite Smith midway through the season, and ended the year as a 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 performer, according to The Sporting News. That duo was joined by sophomore tackle Lorenzo Williams, junior end Xzavie Jackson and newcomers in junior tackle Jamar Smith and true freshman Ziggy Hood, to form the nucleus of the line. In all,

Kuligowski's troops combined to register 65 tackles for loss, 30.5 QB sacks, and 10 forced fumbles. Jackson and Jamar Smith also each scored TDs on fumble returns, against Iowa State, and Colorado.

Kuligowski's line was a focal point for the Tiger defense in 2004, and a major reason for the overall improvement of the defense. Three of his pupils – tackles Atiyyah Ellison and C.J. Mosley, and end Brian Smith – earned various All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2004, with Ellison and Mosley pulling in 1st-Team distinction. Redshirt freshman Lorenzo Williams also earned 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 honors by The Sporting News.

Two of Kuligowski's protégés were drafted as part of the 2005 NFL Draft, as tackles Atiyyah Ellison (3rd round) and C.J. Mosley (6th round) were picked by the Carolina Panthers and Minnesota Vikings, respectively. Later, defensive end Zach Ville signed a free agent deal with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Kuligowski's line has steadily improved against the run in each year since he arrived in 2001. The 2004 Tiger outfit allowed 152.09 yards rushing per game, which ranked them 64th in the nation. In 2005, the numbers were virtually identical, with an average of 152.18 yards per game that ranked MU 63rd nationally. That followed a mark of 167.23 yards per game in 2003, which ranked them 72nd in NCAA statistics. That marked an improvement from a rank of 78th in 2002 (167.75 ypg) and 89th in 2001 (198.73).

Four of Kuligowski's disciples earned 2003 post-season honors, including Smith, who was named a 1st-Team Freshman All-American by The Sporting News and Rivals.com, in addition to being named the team's co-freshman of the year, along with true freshman end Xzavie Jackson. Other line mates who earned honors included tackle C.J. Mosley (2nd-Team All-Big 12) and tackle Atiyyah Ellison (3rd-Team All-Big 12), who moved from end a year ago. Another standout, tackle Russ Bell, signed a free agent contract with the Kansas City Chiefs following the 2004 NFL Draft.

Under Kuligowski's leadership, the Tiger defensive line proved to be the strength of MU's defense in 2002. Led by senior tackle Keith Wright and senior end Antwaun Bynum, the Tiger front four was a constant disruptive force for opposing teams. Wright led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked in the top-10 nationally, with 23 tackles for loss in 2002, while Bynum ranked among conference leaders in sacks, fumbles forced and tackles for loss.

Bynum earned first team All-Big 12 honors in 2002, and was named an honorable mention All-American by CNNSI.com, while Wright was a first team All-Big 12 pick by various outlets. Wright's development led to him being a 6th-round selection by the Houston Texans in the 2003 NFL Draft.

Kuligowski was credited with building one of the top defensive lines in the MAC during his tenure at Toledo. In 2000, the Rockets were ranked fifth in the country in rushing defense, allowing just 81.5 yards per game and 2.46 yards per carry. They were ranked third in the country in scoring defense, third in total defense and No. 1 in turnover margin.

In 1997, Kuligowski coached first team All-MAC lineman Jason Richards, who signed with the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

Kuligowski was a four-year standout at Toledo (1987-90) as an offensive tackle. He was named first team All-MAC two straight years and helped lead UT to the MAC title his senior year. He was an integral part of the 1990 offense that turned in totals of 135 rushing first downs, 2,474 rushing yards and 4,335 total yards, all top five marks in Toledo history.

Kuligowski earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Toledo in 1991. He and his wife Mary have two daughters: Peyton, 12, and Madeline, 9 and son Max, who was born in March of 2005. Also in the spring of 2005, Kuligowski teamed with players Earl Goldsmith, DeQuincy Howard and Scott Wheatley to win the inaugural 3-on-3 basketball tournament held by the football program.

DAVE STECKEL
• Linebackers

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Fullerton, Pa.
Alma Mater: Kutztown ('82)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2001-Present	Linebackers, Missouri
• 1999-00	Linebackers, Rutgers
• 1996-99	Defensive Line, Rutgers
• 1992-96	Defensive Line, Toledo
• 1988-92	Linebackers/Special Teams, Lehigh
• 1986-88	Asst. Head Coach/ Off. Coor., Dickinson College
• 1985-86	Graduate Assistant, Minnesota
• 1984-85	Defensive Line, Ball State
• 1983-84	Graduate Assistant, Miami (OH)
• 1982	Defensive Coor./Off. Line, Governor Mifflin H.S., Schillington, Pa.
Recruiting Area:	Dallas, Western Texas

Steckel's All-Big 12 Performers
- Sean Doyle, LB – Hon. Men. (2001, 2002)
- Jamonte Robinson, LB – 2nd Team (2001)
- James Kinney, LB – Hon. Men. (2002), 2nd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
- Brandon Barnes, LB – Hon. Men. (2003)

Dave Steckel is in his sixth season at Missouri as the Tigers' linebacker coach. He returned to Gary Pinkel's coaching staff in 2001 after spending five seasons as the linebacker and defensive line coach at Rutgers University.

Steckel helped mold James Kinney into a prolific tackler, as he ended his Tiger career by breaking the MU career tackles record (434) during his senior season of 2004. Kinney led MU in stops in 2004, with 112, making him the first player in school history to record three consecutive seasons of 100 or more tackles. He earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors for his efforts, and signed a free-agent deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars after the 2005 NFL Draft.

In his first four years at Mizzou, Steckel had at least one of his linebackers earn all-league recognition each year, including two each in the 2001, 2002 and 2003 seasons.

No Tiger linebackers won all-league acclaim in 2005, but Steckel's group still developed into solid playmakers for the MU defense. With

two first-time starters in his three-man set, Steckel molded a relatively inexperienced group into one that gave solid contributions to the defense. Junior Marcus Bacon, senior Derrick Ming, and junior Dedrick Harrington finished the season ranked 3rd, 4th and 5th on the team in tackles, with 85, 81 and 73 stops, respectively. Ming, who contributed on special teams primarily in his first three seasons on the team, blossomed into a dependable first-year starter, as he led the team with four forced fumbles, while Harrington ranked 2nd on the squad with 12.5 tackles for loss.

Ming eventually signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills of the NFL following the 2006 NFL Draft.

One of MU's top recruiters, Steckel has helped land numerous all-stars for Mizzou, primarily out of the state of Texas. He was responsible for the successful recruitment of Southlake Carroll High School quarterback Chase Daniel, who was named the EA Sports National High School Player of the Year. Daniel lettered as a true freshman at MU in 2005.

The play of his linebackers was a major reason for the improvement seen in 2003 for Mizzou. Led by the team's leading tackler James Kinney, and senior Brandon Barnes, the Tigers enjoyed solid footing and big playmakers patrolling the middle of the field in 2003.

Kinney, as a junior, ranked 14th in the NCAA with an average of 11.8 tackles per game, while Barnes, a converted safety who began his MU career as a wide receiver, ranked 2nd on the squad with 117 stops and was also responsible for a team-best six takeaways (three recovered fumbles, two interceptions and one forced fumble).

Both of Steckel's stars were honored for their play in 2003, as Kinney was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 by the Associated Press, while Barnes earned Honorable Mention acclaim by both league coaches and media. Barnes impressed enough people that he eventually signed a free agent contract following the 2004 NFL Draft with the Baltimore Ravens, and later played for the Washington Redskins.

Steckel's crew had a very productive season in 2002, as sophomore James Kinney and senior Sean Doyle combined for 261 tackles. Kinney racked up 148 stops, which ranked second in the Big 12 Conference and eighth nationally, and added 11 tackles for loss, six sacks and three fumble recoveries and one interception (one of each which he returned for a touchdown). Kinney was named first-team All-Big 12 by one media outlet, while Doyle earned honorable-mention all-league honors for totaling 113 stops and two interceptions.

In his first year at Mizzou, Steckel coached one of the best linebacker duos in the Big 12 Conference in Doyle and Jamonte Robinson. Both players were named All-Big 12 by various publications, as the duo combined for 252 tackles.

At Rutgers, Steckel coached two all-conference defensive linemen from 1996-99, both of whom went on to play in the NFL. In 2000, Steckel moved to coach the linebackers. He served as one of Rutgers' chief recruiters, signing 14 players in his first three seasons.

Before Rutgers, Steckel coached the defensive line for Pinkel at Toledo from 1992-95. He was the defensive line coach during the 1995 undefeated season that went on to win the Las Vegas Bowl. Steckel helped coach a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference and 12th nationally. One of those players, Dan Williams, was the 11th overall selection in the 1993 NFL Draft.

Steckel served in the United States Marine Corps from 1975-78. He then went on to graduate from Kutztown State College and earned a master's from Miami (Ohio) in 1982.

He is married to the former Mary Beth Thomas of Floyd's Knob, Ind. They have one beautiful daughter named Amanda.

BRUCE WALKER

• Tight Ends
• Assistant Offensive Line

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: East Wenatchee, Wash.
Alma Mater: Central Washington ('83)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2001-Present	Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Missouri
• 1996-00	Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Toledo
• 1994-95	Offensive Coordinator, Central Washington
• 1990-95	Offensive Line, Central Washington
• 1988-89	Defensive Line, Central Washington
Playing Experience:	Yakima Valley College (1978-79), Central Washington (1980-81)
Recruiting Area:	Dallas, Eastern Texas

Walker's All-Big 12 Performers
- Dwayne Blakley, TE – Hon. Men. (2001)
- J.D. McCoy, TE – Hon. Men. (2003), Hon. Men. (2005)
- Chase Coffman, TE – 1st-Team Freshman All-American (2005)

Bruce Walker has been the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach since the 1996 season under Gary Pinkel. In his time at Mizzou, Walker has coached several outstanding tight ends, a vital position for the MU offense.

Walker oversaw a duo of tight ends, in sophomore Martin Rucker, and true freshman Chase Coffman, that became arguably the best pass-catching tight end pair in the Big 12 Conference, as well as one of the most prolific in school history.

Rucker earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors after leading MU with 47 catches for 567 yards and 1 TD, with his catches ranking 1st among Big 12 tight ends in 2005, and 2nd-most in MU single-season history for the position. Coffman, despite being a true freshman, was nothing but impressive from day one in fall camp, as he tied Rucker with 47 catches for 503 yards and 4 TDs. Those numbers rank as the 3rd-best single-season performance in MU tight end history, and earned the rookie a spot on the Rivals.com Freshman All-American 1st-Team.

In 2004, the tight ends were instrumental in MU's passing attack, with the primary weapons being senior

Victor Sesay and redshirt freshman Martin Rucker. The duo combined for 50 catches, 577 yards and 6 touchdowns on the season. Rucker earned 2nd-Team Freshman All-American honors for his standout rookie year that saw him grab 19 balls for 263 yards and 4 TDs, the latter of which was the 2nd-best total on the squad. Sesay signed a free agent contract following the 2005 NFL Draft with the Miami Dolphins.

Walker's tight ends played a crucial role in Mizzou's high-powered offensive attack that scored a single-season school-record 399 points in the 2003 season. His group had a combined 42 catches on the season for 373 yards and were responsible for six of MU's 14 passing touchdowns on the year.

The Tiger tight ends also proved critical to the rushing game for Mizzou that led the Big 12 Conference and ranked 6th nationally in 2003, at 237.46 yards per game.

Individually, senior J.D. McCoy developed into a key cog of the Tiger offense, as he was MU's 5th-leading pass catcher, with a career-high 21 catches for 190 yards and two TDs. He was named the team's receiver of the year for his efforts.

In 2002, the Missouri tight ends were an integral part of the Tigers' offensive attack that scored the third-most points (360) in school history.

In 2001, Missouri tight ends combined for 50 receptions, 484 yards and eight touchdowns. Dwayne Blakley was tabbed honorable mention All-Big 12 after pulling in 34 receptions for 362 yards and four touchdowns. He went on to sign a free agent contract with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs.

Walker has successfully recruited some of the best high school players out of the state of Texas while at Mizzou. Walker signed highly-regarded tailback/defensive back prospect Alex Woodley in 2003 of Mesquite, adding to his successful recruitment of all-state defensive end Brian Smith (Denton) in 2002 and all-state wide receiver Thomson Omboga (Grand Prairie) in 2001. Other Texas high school standouts to sign with Walker include standouts Marcus King (Irving) and brothers Calvin and Chad Washington (Lancaster).

While at Toledo, Walker coached two of the best tight ends to ever wear a Rockets' uniform. From 1998-2000, Walker coached All-MAC tight end Mike Bilik, who finished his career with 75 receptions. He also coached Lyle Green, who was voted the team's most valuable receiver in 1999 and a co-captain in 2000. Green was the third overall pick in the 2001 CFL Draft. During the 2000 season, the Rocket tight ends combined for 59 catches and six touchdowns.

Walker came to Toledo after spending eight years at Central Washington, where he served as offensive coordinator. He was also CWU's offensive line coach for six seasons.

In 1993, behind Walker's offensive line, the Central Washington led all NAIA schools in total offense, averaging 517 yards per game. CWU also ranked first in the NAIA in rushing, averaging 198.5 yards per game. In 1995, the Wildcats earned a share of the NAIA national title, tying Findlay (OH) in the title game.

The quarterback of that team, Jon Kitna, finished his career with 12,907 yards in total offense and 12,353 passing yards, the best and second-best, respectively, in NAIA Division II history.

Walker graduated from Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee, Wash., where he earned All-Mid Valley League honors at linebacker and center. He played two seasons at Yakima Valley College before Central Washington.

A 1983 graduate of CWU, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Walker was a two-year starter for the Wildcats at center. He earned a Master of Science degree in physical education in 1989.

Walker and wife, Sharryn, are the parents of Natalie, 13, and Maggie, 10.

DAVID YOST

• Quarterbacks
• Recruiting Coordinator

6th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Carrollton, Ohio
Alma Mater: Kent State ('92)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2001-Present	Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks, Missouri
• 1997-00	Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks, Toledo
• 1996	Graduate Assistant, Toledo
• 1995	Offensive Coordinator, Tiffin
• 1994	Wide Receivers, Tiffin

Yost's All-Big 12 Performers

- Brad Hammerich, PK – 3rd Team (2001)
- Brad Smith, QB – Hon. Men. (2002, 2004), 3rd Team (2003)
- Brad Smith, All Purpose – Hon. Men. (2002, 2003), 1st Team (2005)
- Mike Matheny, PK – Hon. Men. (2002)

David Yost arrived in Columbia, Mo. on the same day that head coach Gary Pinkel did. Pinkel's recruiting coordinator since 1997, Yost also serves as the Tigers' quarterbacks coach.

Yost has established himself as one of the best young recruiting coordinators in the country, as evidenced by MU's recent classes, most of which were ranked among the nation's top 35 according to various outlets, including the 2004 class which ranked 27th-best, and the 2003 class which was the 28th-best, according to Rivals.com.

Perhaps best known for his work with record-setting quarterback Brad Smith, Yost helped guide Smith through four magical seasons that saw him break an eye-popping 69 different Mizzou, Big 12 and NCAA game, season and career records. Under Yost's tutelage, Smith became the greatest run-pass dual threat QB in NCAA Division I-A history, as he is the only athlete to throw for 8,000 yards and rush for 4,000 yards in a career. In 2005 alone, Smith amassed 2,304 yards in the air and 1,301 more on the ground in leading MU to its 2nd bowl appearance in three years – making him the first player in NCAA D-IA history to reach the 2,000/1,000 mark twice in a career.

The 2002 season saw Yost guide Smith, a redshirt freshman, during an historical season as he became only the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Under Yost's tutelage, Smith burst onto the national scene with a brilliant performance in

leading the Tigers to a win over defending Big Ten champion Illinois, and had Mizzou playing for a bowl berth all the way into the final game of the 2002 season.

Smith was at it again in 2003, as he broke his own single-season total offense record, with 3,383 yards. He ended the season with 1,977 passing yards and rushed for 1,406 yards, the latter of which is the No. 2 single-season rushing mark in MU history. Smith earned national player of the week honors for his 291-yard, five touchdown rushing day this season against Texas Tech, and established an MU record with his 30 total touchdowns (18 rushing, 11 passing, 1 receiving). Smith continued his assault on the MU records books in 2004, with 2,738 more yards of total offense.

With Smith having matriculated through Mizzou (after being selected in the 4th round of the 2006 NFL Draft by the New York Jets), the cupboard will be far from bare, as Yost will have a talented stable of signal callers to work with, including Brandon Coleman and Elite-11 quarterbacks Chase Patton and Chase Daniel, the latter of which was the EA Sports National High School Player of the Year in 2004, playing for Southlake (Texas) Carroll High School.

In 2001, Yost guided Kirk Farmer to the best season of his career, as he generated 194.6 yards of total offense, a mark that ranked sixth in the Big 12 Conference. Farmer signed a free-agent contract with the NFL's St. Louis Rams, and later with the Kansas City Chiefs and has played overseas while he trains for tryouts. In 2001, perhaps the most eye-opening statistic was the fact that Mizzou quarterbacks were sacked just six times, the fewest in the Big 12. That mark also ranked third in the country.

Also the chief coach for Mizzou's placekickers, Yost helped develop walk-ons Brad Hammerich and Mike Matheny into all-conference performers, with Hammerich earning 3rd-Team All-Big 12 status in 2001, and Matheny gaining honorable mention acclaim the next year.

From 1997 to 2000, Yost held the same responsibilities for Pinkel at Toledo. He spent four seasons coaching two of the most productive quarterbacks in Toledo history in Tavares Bolden and Chris Wallace. Bolden developed into one of the most versatile signal-callers in the MAC.

Prior to Bolden, Yost coached Chris Wallace from 1997-98, one of the top quarterbacks in Toledo history. In just two seasons as the starter, Wallace jumped into the school's all-time top four in four major statistical categories: touchdown passes (44), passes attempted (848), passes completed (454) and passing yardage (5,454).

In 1997, Wallace broke 10 school records, including most touchdown passes in a season (27), most TDs in a game (5) and total passing yardage in a season (2,955).

As recruiting coordinator, Yost is responsible for all aspects of the recruitment of high school student-athletes, from mailings to eligibility tracking to video evaluation. Under his creative direction, Mizzou's 2003 Football Recruiting and Media Guide was named "Best in the Nation" by the College Sports Information Directors of America (Co-SIDA).

Yost came to Toledo from Tiffin University, where he coordinated the offense along with coaching quarterbacks and receivers in 1995. During the 1994 season, he coached wide receivers.

A native of Carrollton, Ohio, Yost spent time coaching his former high school team after graduating from Kent State University. A graduate of Kent State, Yost earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education in 1992. He has done graduate work in educational psychology. He was married to the former Carrie Crossett, a former soccer student-athlete at Mizzou (and sister of current MU kicker Adam Crossett) in June of 2005.

MARK ALNUTT
• Director of Football Operations

9th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.
Alma Mater: Missouri ('95)

Mark Alnutt is in his ninth year with the Missouri football program, including his seventh season as Director of Operations. His duties include coordinating the team's travel plans, oversight of the football budget, handling compliance issues, scheduling of facilities, assisting with recruiting operations and managing the day-to-day operations of the football program. He was awarded with a title of assistant athletic director in 2005.

Alnutt also coordinates all public relations activities and community service events that require the presence of football student-athletes, and oversaw all organizational aspects for Mizzou's trip to the 2003 and 2005 Independence Bowl games played in Shreveport, La. He is also representing the football program as part of the design team that planned the future $16 million expansion and renovation project of the Tom Taylor Building, the facility which houses the football program.

Alnutt was a three-year letterman for the Tigers as a linebacker and tight end (1993-95), and was voted the team's Champion of the Year as a senior. He earned a degree in sociology in 1995 and went to work for Major Brands as a salesman in Kansas City from Feb. 1996-Aug. 1997. He then returned to MU to pursue a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis on sports psychology. He joined the MU football staff in 1998 as an administrative/video graduate assistant. Alnutt completed his master's in May 2000 and took over as Director of Football Operations that August.

A native of Kansas City, Alnutt was born Jan. 4, 1973. He serves as the president of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Boone County, and was selected to participate in the 2002-03 NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males. In June of 2005, he received recognition by Columbia Business Times as one of Columbia's 40-Under-40 business leaders, for his work in the community. He also participated in the Division I-A Athletic Director's Institute in July of 2005.

Alnutt is married to the former Kate Hankins, and has a five-year-old son, Jaren Michael, and a one-year-old daughter, Kinleigh Allyn.

BARRY ODOM

• Director of Football Recruiting

4th Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Maysville, Okla.
Alma Mater: Missouri ('99)

In his fourth year on staff at Mizzou is former Tiger standout Barry Odom. Odom made the jump to collegiate coaching in 2002 after spending the previous three seasons at the high school level, including a very successful two-year stint as head coach at Columbia's Rock Bridge High School.

The 2006 season will be Odom's third in his title of Director of Football Recruiting. In that role, Odom oversees organizational efforts of virtually all aspects of MU's extensive recruiting operation, such as coordinating on-and-off-campus visits, mailings and other logistical arrangements. He also added oversight of the walk-on program to his roster of duties in 2005.

Odom, a native of Maysville, Okla. who graduated from Ada High School, was a four-year letterman at linebacker for Mizzou from 1996-99. He was a key player on MU squads that went to bowl games in 1997 and 1998, and he ended his career ranked 5th on the school's career tackles list, with 362 stops.

Odom graduated from MU in December of 1999, and served as a development intern for the Tiger Scholarship Fund, assisting with various fund raising projects for Tiger Athletics and earning his Master's in education from MU. He returned to his home state of Oklahoma in July of 2000 to serve as an assistant coach for Ada High School, which finished that season as runners-up for a state championship.

Odom returned to Columbia in the spring of 2001 as head coach of Rock Bridge High School, and he quickly built the Bruins into a power, as they went 6-4 and won a conference championship that fall. He followed with an 8-4 campaign in 2002 that saw Rock Bridge reach the semifinals of the state championship playoffs. Two of his star pupils from that team, quarterback Chase Patton and linebacker/running back Van Alexander, are redshirt freshmen in the Tiger program this season.

Born Nov. 26, 1976 in Lawton, Okla., Odom and his wife, Tritia, were married in July of 2000. Tritia is a native of Kahoka, Mo., and is a graduate of MU's College of Human Environmental Sciences. The couple have two sons – James Trump and Garyt Robert.

NICK OTTERBACHER
• Offensive Graduate Assistant

3rd Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Orchard Lake, Mich.
Alma Mater: Toledo, '02

In his third year as part of the Tiger coaching staff is Offensive Graduate Assistant Nick Otterbacher. He assumed those new duties for the spring 2005 season, after serving on staff as an administrative graduate assistant in 2004.

In his new role, Otterbacher assists the Tiger coaching staff with scouting, game planning and game preparation duties, in addition to various practice and game day responsibilities.

A native of Orchard Lake, Mich., Otterbacher was a four-year starter at center for the University of Toledo, where he played under Tiger Head Coach Gary Pinkel through the 2000 season. In his four-year playing career, Otterbacher was part of Toledo teams that went a combined 34-13 from 1998-2001, and won or shared three Mid-American Athletic Conference championships, while playing in the Motor City Bowl in 2001.

After graduating from Toledo with a degree in business management in May of 2002, Otterbacher got his start in coaching at Duquesne University, where he served as the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach for the 2002 season which saw Duquesne post an 11-1 record and claim the Metro Atlantic Conference championship. He then went to West Virginia Tech as an assistant coach, and was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator for the 2003 season, prior to joining the Mizzou staff in July of 2004. He and his wife, Jessica, had their first child, Reagan, in 2005.

KENT MCCULLOUGH
• Defensive Graduate Assistant

2nd Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Alma Mater: Miami, Ohio ('00)

Serving on the Mizzou coaching staff for his second season as a defensive graduate assistant coach is Kent McCullough. A former standout punter for Miami University (Ohio), McCullough joined the staff in June of 2005.

He is responsible for the offensive scout team in preparation for each week's game, along with film breakdown and scouting reports for each of the Tigers' opponents.

McCullough was an All-Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC) performer as a punter for Miami, and earned freshman All-American honors in 1997. He was named his team's special teams player of the year in both 1999 and 2000, as he handled kickoffs and held for placekicks, in addition to his punting duties. The four-year letterwinner was part of a Miami team that went 10-1 in 1998, and his career average of 40.7 yards per punt ranked third on the school charts at the time of his departure. He held at one time stadium records for longest punts at Marshall (74 yards) and at Cincinnati (72).

Following his collegiate days, McCullough was signed as a free agent by the Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League in 2001. After being cut by the Bengals, he landed with the Detroit Lions, and saw action in two pre-season games that fall, before landing numerous other workouts with league teams.

After the professional career ended, McCullough became a physical education teacher and varsity football assistant coach for Troy City Schools, in Dayton, Ohio, where he has been for the past four years.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., McCullough was a three-sport standout in football, baseball and wrestling for West Allegheny High School, where he earned all-conference honors as a kicker during his junior and senior seasons.

McCullough will be pursuing a Master's degree at Mizzou.

MATT TORRES
• Administrative Graduate Assistant

3rd Year at Mizzou
Hometown: Los Gatos, Calif.
Alma Mater: Missouri, '05

In his third year as part of the Tiger coaching staff, and second as an administrative graduate assistant coach, is recent Mizzou graduate Matt Torres. He began those duties officially in May of 2005, after serving as a student assistant for the 2004 season.

Torres' duties have him assisting the staff with various recruiting administrative duties throughout the year, as well as scouting and game preparation efforts during the season.

A native of Los Gatos, Calif., Torres received a baseball scholarship to Missouri Western, where he redshirted for one season before transferring to Mizzou to pursue his studies.

Torres received a Bachelor's degree in communications from MU in May of 2005, and is now pursuing a Master's degree. He is married to the former Shannon Giboney, who is a native of Columbia. The couple welcomed their first child, daughter Madison Reese, into the world on June 5th.

PAT IVEY

• Director of Strength and Conditioning

8th Year at MU

Former University of Missouri football player Pat Ivey was named Director of Strength and Conditioning for the Mizzou Athletic Department, in March of 2004. In this role, he is directly responsible for the design and implementation of the athletic program for football, as well as overseeing the development of Missouri's remaining varsity sports.

Ivey, 33, has quickly put his stamp on the Tiger strength program, as four MU student-athletes were named National Strength Coaches Association (NSCA) Strength and Conditioning All-Americans in 2004-05.

Ivey returned to his alma mater after spending the previous two years at The University of Tulsa as the Golden Hurricane head strength coach. There, he oversaw strength and conditioning efforts for all 18 TU sports, and was part of the resurgence of the football program, which had the nation's best turnaround in 2003. Tulsa went 8-5 in 2003, after going just 1-11 the year before. Four Tulsa student-athletes were named NSCA Strength and Conditioning All-Americans under Ivey's instruction.

Ivey spent five years as a strength coach at MU prior to his appointment at Tulsa. He served for two years (1999-2001) as assistant director of strength and conditioning for football. Before that, Ivey was a strength and conditioning graduate assistant working with football, wrestling, track and field and baseball.

A three-year football letterman at MU (1993-95), Ivey was selected as an All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete in 1995. Following graduation, he spent time in the NFL with the Detroit Lions, San Diego Chargers, Denver Broncos and the Green Bay Packers.

Ivey, who earned his bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management at MU in 1996 and a master's degree in health education in 2000, began his position in April, and didn't take long to put his stamp on the program, as he hired two assistants from the outside, and completely re-structured his staff. He will be heavily involved in the planning process for MU's new planned strength and conditioning facility which, when completed as part of a larger renovation project to the Tom Taylor Complex, will give Mizzou one of the top strength training facilities in the country.

He is joined in Columbia by his wife, Starla, and their daughters, Paisli and Serena. Starla, a native of Hannibal, Mo., is also an MU graduate, and worked for several years as an academic coordinator in the athletic department's Total Person Program.

REX SHARP
• Director of Sports Medicine

11th Year at MU

When Rex Sharp became Mizzou's head athletic trainer in 1996, he was following Fred Wappel, who spent 41 years tending to the injury needs of the Tigers on his way to a spot in the MU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Now Sharp is carving his own place in Missouri history as the man who directs the operation of the Dr. Glenn. L. McElroy, M.D. Sports Medicine Center – MU's primary treatment and rehabilitation facility. In his role as director, Sharp supervises a staff of five assistants and seven certified graduate assistant athletic trainers.

The native of New Albany, Ind., spent 11 years on the staff at Ball State where he had primary athletic health care responsibilities for the football team, and coordinated the sports medicine efforts for BSU's 20-sport program. He supervised a staff of two fulltime assistants, a physical therapist and a number of graduate assistants and student trainers.

In addition to his duties as Director of Sports Medicine, Sharp is one of only 10 collegiate certified athletic trainers in the nation currently serving on the College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee. Additionally, in the spring of 2002, Sharp was selected as Chairman of the Big 12 Conference Medical Aspects of Sport Committee. Following the 2000 academic year, Sharp and his staff were recognized by the Big 12 Conference as the athletic health care "Staff of the Year."

A 1979 magna cum laude graduate of Ball State, Sharp was the 1978 recipient of the Robert H. Gunn Scholarship, presented to the nation's outstanding student athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, and was awarded the NATA post-graduate scholarship from the NFL in 1979. He earned a Master of Science degree in biology (exercise physiology) in 1983 from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

Sharp taught high school biology in New Albany from 1979-81, was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Michigan Tech from 1981-83, and was the head athletic trainer at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) from 1983-85.

Sharp and his wife Eileen have a daughter, Audrey, and twin sons, Adam and Jered. He was born April 29, 1957. In the summer of 2005, he was inducted into the Ball State University Athletic Training Hall of Fame.

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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Director, Equipment Operations

Alfred Castillo
Asst., Sports Medicine

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Asst., Strength & Conditioning

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DR. ELSON S. FLOYD

• President, University of Missouri System

Elson S. Floyd was selected as the President of the four-campus University of Missouri System on Nov. 11, 2002. Dr. Floyd has an exceptionally wide range of administrative experience, as well as valuable system-wide and statewide perspectives on higher education issues and policies.

Prior to his appointment at the University of Missouri, Dr. Floyd served as president of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo for more than four years. While president of Western Michigan University, he also was a tenured faculty member in the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology and in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

Dr. Floyd spent from 1995 to 1998 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, one of the nation's leading research institutions, where he served as chief administrative and operating officer and the senior official responsible for business and finance; human resources; auxiliary enterprises; student affairs; information technology; university advancement and development; and enrollment management.

Dr. Floyd spent two years as executive director of the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, the agency responsible for statewide coordination, planning, oversight, policy analysis and student financial aid programs for Washington's post-secondary education system. From 1990 to 1993, Dr. Floyd served as vice president for student services, vice president for administration, and executive vice president at Eastern Washington University. In the latter capacity, he was the university's chief operating officer.

Dr. Floyd began his career in 1978 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he held deanships in the Division of Student Affairs, the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences. From 1988 to 1990, he was assistant vice president for student services for the UNC system office, where he helped develop and articulate student affairs and academic affairs policy for the 16-campus university system.

A native of Henderson, N.C., Dr. Floyd holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and speech, a master of education degree in adult education, and a doctor of philosophy degree in higher and adult education, all from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Among other honors, Dr. Floyd is the 2004 recipient of the James C. Kirkpatrick Award given by the Northwest Missouri Press Association for public service. He also is the 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of North Carolina Chapel-Hill and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from his former high school, Darlington School.

Dr. Floyd and his wife, Carmento, have two children.

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Missouri has provided teaching, research and service to the people of Missouri since it was founded in 1839. The first publicly supported institution of higher education established in the Louisiana Territory, the University of Missouri was shaped in accordance with the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, an early proponent of public higher education.

Founded in Columbia, the University had one campus until 1870, when a school of mines and metallurgy was established in Rolla. In the same year an agricultural college was added in Columbia as the University assumed land-grant responsibilities.

In 1963 the University again expanded to better serve Missouri. In that year the University of Kansas City, which had been a private institution, was acquired by the University and a new campus was created in St. Louis, creating the present four campus System.

Today, the University of Missouri is one of the nation's largest higher education institutions, with more than 62,000 students on four campuses and an Extension program with activities in every county of the state. The mission of the University, as a land-grant university and Missouri's only public research and doctoral-level institution, is to discover, disseminate, preserve and apply knowledge.

A nine-member Board of Curators governs the University. Curators are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The Board selects the president of the University. Each campus is headed by a chancellor, who reports to the president.

DR. BRADY J. DEATON

• Chancellor, University of Missouri-Columbia

Chancellor Brady J. Deaton became the 21st chief executive officer of the University of Missouri-Columbia on October 4, 2004. With 15 years of service to MU and 33 years of experience in public higher education, Dr. Deaton brings an international perspective, a record of national leadership, and a strong devotion to Mizzou to his position.

Dr. Deaton began his journey in higher education as a student at the University of Kentucky, where he graduated with a degree in agricultural economics in 1966. Growing up as the second of nine children of a hard-working farm family in Kentucky and furthered by his participation in 4-H, he developed a love of the land and a desire to study agriculture. His dedication deepened during a two-year tour as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nan, Thailand, from 1962–1964, where he taught vocational agriculture in the Thai language.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Dr. Deaton pursued a master of arts in diplomacy and international commerce at the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1968. He went on to the University of Wisconsin where he earned a master of science in 1970 and a doctorate in 1972 in agricultural economics.

Moving from the student to the faculty ranks, Dr. Deaton spent the next six years as an assistant and associate professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology at the University of Tennessee. During this time at Tennessee, he was appointed as staff director of the Special Task Force on Food for Peace for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. In 1978, Dr. Deaton took a professorship position at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the Department of Agricultural Economics, where he also served as coordinator of the rural development research and extension program.

Dr. Deaton spent 12 years at Virginia Tech, the last four as associate director of the Office for International Development. In March of 1989, he joined the University of Missouri-Columbia as professor and chair in the Agricultural Economics Department and as Social Science Unit leader. He transitioned from faculty to administration in December 1993, when he was appointed chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor. He became deputy chancellor in 1997.

In January 1998, Dr. Deaton was appointed interim provost and was named to the permanent position in October of that year. His duties were expanded in 2001 when he also became the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. A strong proponent of the University's role on the global stage, Dr. Deaton was instrumental as the sponsor of the Big 12 Provosts' delegation to the European Union.

Dr. Deaton holds leadership roles in many university, community and national organizations. He currently serves as chair of the Academic Affairs Council of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), participates in advisory roles with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and maintains active membership in the American and International Agricultural Economics Associations. He has authored over 100 articles, presentations and book chapters in his career in addition to co-authoring three books.

For his contributions to the University, Dr. Deaton has been the recipient of many honors. He has been awarded the Outstanding Commitment to Multiculturalism and Diversity certificate by the Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students, honored as an invited lecturer at the Japan International Agricultural Council and recognized by Gamma Sigma Delta with an Award of Merit for Outstanding Administrator, among many other honors, grants and fellowships.

Chancellor Deaton and his wife, Dr. Anne Deaton, are the parents of four grown children, Tony, Brady Jr., Christina and David, and are the grandparents of Liam and Anna Sophia.

MU MISSION STATEMENT

Our distinct mission, as Missouri's only state-supported member of the Association of American Universities, is to provide all Missourians the benefits of a world-class research university. We are stewards and builders of a priceless state resource, a unique physical infrastructure and scholarly environment in which our tightly interlocked missions of teaching, research and service work together on behalf of all citizens. Students work side by side with some of the world's best faculty to advance the arts and humanities, the sciences, and the professions. Scholarship and teaching are daily driven by a sense of public service - the obligation to produce and disseminate knowledge that will improve the quality of life in the state, the nation and the world.

MIKE ALDEN
• Director of Athletics

Leading the Missouri Tigers through the constantly evolving world of intercollegiate athletics in the 21st century is Director of Athletics Mike Alden. In his ninth year as chief executive for Tiger Athletics, Alden is recognized for his vision and business acumen, and is considered nationally as one of the top athletic administrators in the country.

Highly-regarded among his peers, Alden sits on numerous prestigious panels, and is currently serving a four-year term on the NCAA Management Council, which is the second-highest ranking committee in the NCAA hierarchy. Additionally, in June of 2006, he was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) - marking the first time Mizzou has had representation on the committee.

He was named, in December of 2004, to the Executive Committee for the Division 1A Athletic Directors' Association. He also serves as a faculty member for the Division IA AD's Institute, and regularly makes presentations for the group.

The history books will portray Alden as a champion of diversity at Mizzou, as on March 26, 2006, he announced Mike Anderson as the Head Men's Basketball Coach - making Anderson the first-ever African-American head coach in MU annals.

The recipient of the General Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletic Director Award, given by the All-America Football Foundation (September, 2004), Alden has built a solid infrastructure for the Tiger Athletic program with his strong management principles and his sound financial planning.

Tiger student-athletes have achieved new academic heights under Alden's direction, as evidenced by recent reports, which show that MU has topped the Big 12 Conference in graduation rates twice in recent years - in 1999 (66%) and again in 2002 (72%). Additionally, the most recent round of Academic Progress Rate reports (2006) showed that MU had the best APR in the Big 12 Conference.

The 2005-06 athletic year was one of great achievement for Mizzou. Highlights included only the second bowl victory for MU football since 1981, as the Tigers posted a bowl victory in football, MU's first-ever wrestling individual national champion, the school's first-ever Elite Eight showing in volleyball, and baseball winning its first-ever NCAA Tournament regional, on the way to a Sweet 16 showing.

Mizzou finished 48th in the 2005-06 NACDA Directors' Cup Standings, which ranks all NCAA Division I programs in their overall competitive strength. That marked the fourth-highest finish for Mizzou in the standings - with all four coming in the previous four seasons under Alden's direction (including an MU-best 37th-place showing in 2002-03).

Mizzou's overall improvement on the national level under Alden is quite remarkable. In the last six years of the Directors' Cup Standings, Mizzou has averaged a yearly finish of 45th - a stark improvement from the five years prior to his arrival (1993-94 to 1997-98), when MU's average yearly finish was 98th.

Another measure of Mizzou's athletic success under Alden's leadership shows that MU teams turned in 36 top-25 team finishes at NCAA Championship events overall since he arrived (an average of 4.5 per season). Consider that in the five years prior to Alden, the most top-25 national placings MU had in a single year was three, and the positive turn that Alden has directed is quite clear.

Prior to Alden's arrival, Missouri found itself mired near the bottom of the Big 12 Conference in operating budget. But thanks to proactive fundraising efforts and sound management principles, MU now ranks in the league's top half in that category. Mizzou will go to battle in the 2006-07 season with a record budget that is estimated at $43.5 million, a stunning increase from a working ledger of $13.7 million just nine years ago.

Alden has kept alive and even accelerated the University's commitment to excellence in its athletic facilities. In the past six years, completed projects include the construction of a $13 million state-of-the-art press box facility at Memorial Stadium, construction of an exceptional indoor tennis facility, a brand-new baseball stadium, and a pedestrian overpass spanning Providence Road, among many others.

He was also a driving force for the largest construction project in MU history, the new state-of-the-art $75 million Mizzou Arena. Opened in October 2004, the arena is the crown jewel of the Sports Park at MU, and gives Mizzou arguably the finest on-campus basketball facility in the nation.

The last major project comes online in July of 2006, when the first phase of the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex - a $16 million renovation and expansion project of the previous Tom Taylor complex - opens up. Tiger Athletics has been a leader for the University of Missouri during its ongoing campus-wide capital campaign. As part of the larger $600 million campaign, athletics was asked to raise $60 million of that total, but to this day, the department has gathered an extraordinary amount of over $121 million and counting.

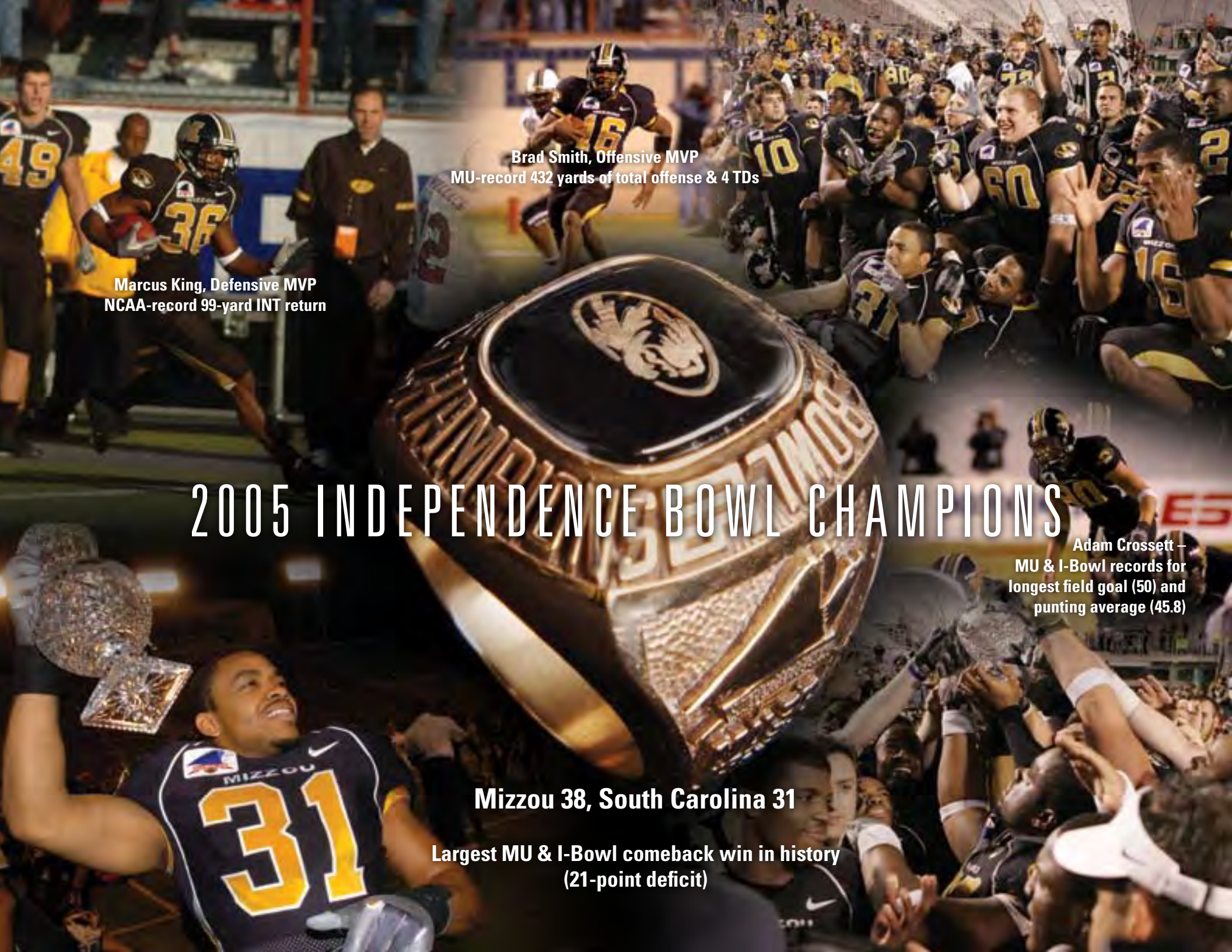
Alden has worked in athletic administration at the Division I level since 1985. He began as a special assistant to the director of athletics at Arizona State University in 1985, and later served as assistant athletic director for administration at ASU from 1986-92. He followed that with a stint as associate athletic director for external operations at the University of New Mexico from 1992-96. He served as athletic director at Southwest Texas from 1996 until his appointment at Mizzou on July 16, 1998.

Alden earned a master's degree in educational administration/supervision from Arizona State University. He holds two degrees from the University of Evansville, where he was a starting member of the football team - a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and a Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

Alden holds strong ties to central Missouri. His family tree has been rooted on his family farm in Williamsburg, Mo., some 30 miles east of Columbia. His mother lives in Williamsburg, while his brother lives in Lamar, Mo., and several relatives reside in and around Kansas City. His uncle Jack was a construction foreman in the building of the Hearnes Center, and his cousin Todd, who is a plumber in mid-Missouri, was a concessionaire at Memorial Stadium, and his cousin, Mike March is a local ironworker who worked extensively on construction of Mizzou Arena. All live in Columbia.

A native of Chicago, Alden attended West Chicago Community High. He is on the NCAA Cabinet for Championships and Competition as well as serving as the Chair for the Committee for Football Certification. Alden also serves on the NCAA Woman of the Year Committee and is on the Big 12 Conference Committee for Officiating and Sportsmanship. He was recently tapped into the QEBH Honorary Society at Missouri.

He and his wife, the former Roxanne (Rockie) Falk, have a son, Jake (11).



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Mizzou 38, South Carolina 31

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MIZZOU 2006 SCHEDULE

Sep. 2	MURRAY STATE
Sep. 9	MISSISSIPPI
Sep. 16	@ New Mexico
Sep. 23	OHIO
Sep. 30	COLORADO
Oct. 7	@ Texas Tech
Oct. 14	@ Texas A&M
Oct. 21	KANSAS STATE (Homecoming)
Oct. 28	OKLAHOMA
Nov. 4	@ Nebraska
Nov. 18	@ Iowa State
Nov. 25	KANSAS (Senior Day)
Dec. 2	Big 12 Championship (Kansas City)

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